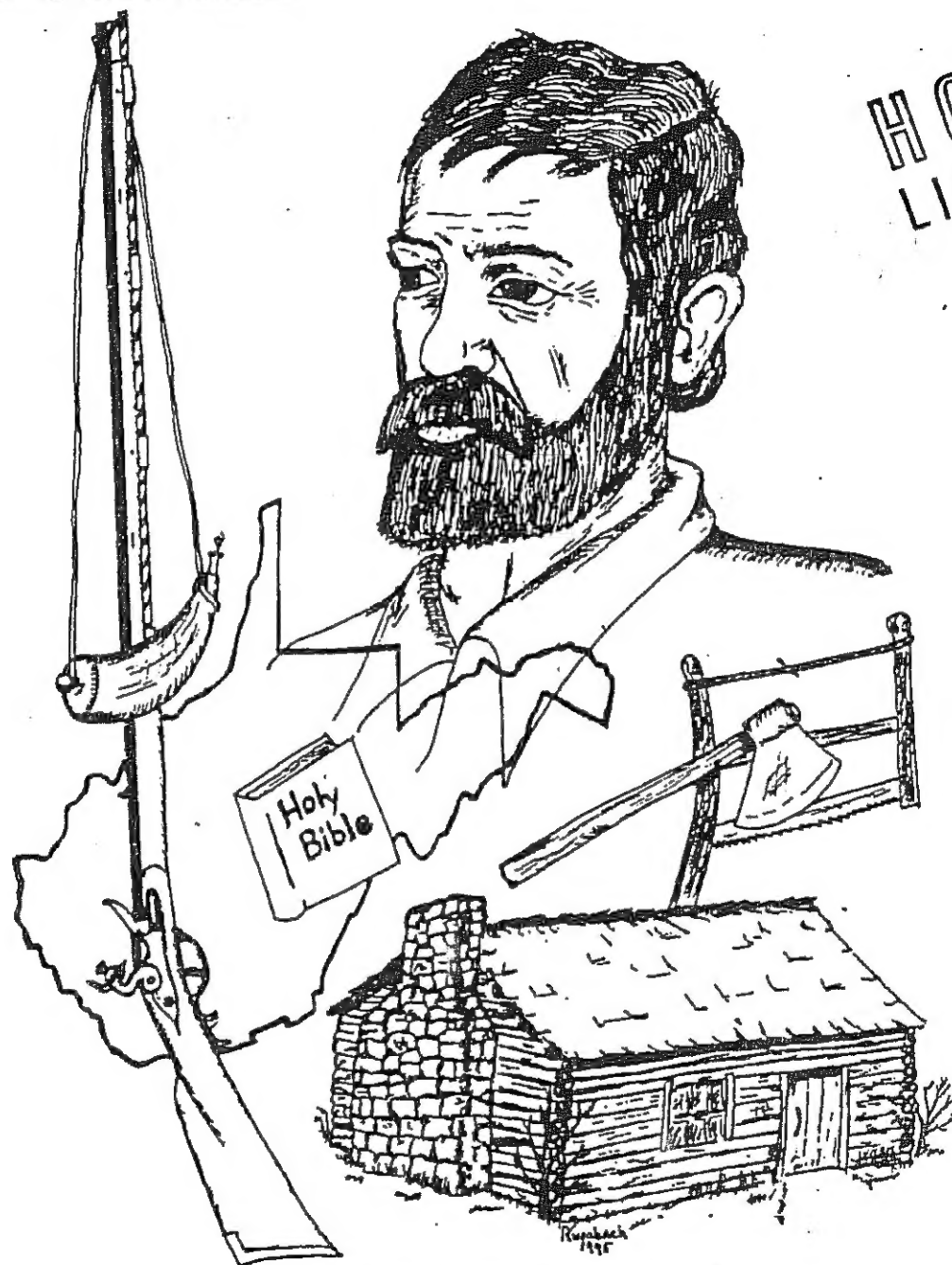


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jots from joy

Dear Cousins and Friends:

Our guardian angel must have been perched on our shoulder when we started the Ancestor Memorial Tribute Fund. Just the week after we sent out the letters our main computer hopelessly crashed. Realizing that it would be longer than we could be without this much-used piece of equipment, having nothing that could be borrowed from another location in the library for a substitute, and knowing that some funds would be available from the tribute fund to help with the cost, the computer committee (Rollie Neal, Phil Stackhouse, and yours truly) recommended to the board that we purchase a new computer. The board agreed.

Careful consideration and a lot of shopping went into selecting a computer. It was finally decided that a Gateway 2000 with a 2.5 gig harddrive was our best choice. The computer was ordered and delivered the second week in December.

Meanwhile, Rollie suggested to our members on the HCPD-L list, our on-line discussion group, that additional donations be sent to help with the computer. Between the two groups of donations almost enough has been received to pay for the computer. A check should be cut sometime this month to relieve most of this debt.

I thank you for your generosity - and for the new computer.

The sick computer? I am taking the CPU (the computer box) to Phil Stackhouse in Ellicott City, Maryland, for repair. Phil has a small computer business and will repair the computer for us at cost.

Speaking of the Ancestor Tribute Fund - it's not too late to send in your memorial to your ancestor. Remember that these will be published in the next issue of the Journal; at the same time, we will recognize those who made additional contributions for the computer.

Chuck and I are planning a trip to Louisiana in mid-February to pick up a microfilm reader and several books for the library. These are being donated by the family of the late William A. Marsh.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a notification of the publication of Cemetery Book X, the Masonic Cemetery; and, just Friday (January 10), we received another new book which you can order - the Voters Registration for Freeman's Creek and Hacker's Creek Districts, Lewis County, for the year 1906. The latter was

compiled by Okey and Nora Corley from a book that Chuck found in the vault at the courthouse a couple of years ago. This is the only book of old voters registrations that we have been able to locate despite a thorough search in every storage room of the courthouse. You may order it, along with the Masonic Cemetery, from the library. You will find the price on the order form at the back of this issue.

In her letter Raydine makes it sound as though Chuck and I are cracking the whip. Well, we are making some suggestions. <Grin> But there are those among our membership who don't need a lot of suggestions to help HCPD move forward. One of these is Nancy Jackson. Nancy is spending two to three days at week in the Lewis County Circuit Court offices abstracting and compiling the Chancery Records. Eventually these will be published. Meanwhile, watch for an article or two about some of her more interesting finds in coming Journals.

Another is Becky Brogie. Becky has almost completed the abstraction of Lewis County Deed Books A, B, and C. This project, started by Chuck, was assumed by Becky last fall. This book requires just a little more work and should be ready for publication by the time HCJ, Issue 2, comes to you.

While all of these things are happening with our collections, Dick Taylor continues to fix, add to, and rearrange our library. Just last week he added lights to the back porch. This room has been used as a lunch room, meeting room, and video-viewing room. Now it will be our workroom.

Why, you might ask, do we need a workroom? For starters, we need the area to sort and catalogue the nearly two thousand prints that we are obtaining from the Arch Ellis* family and from Creed Shutts.

About two years ago, Phyllis West Ellis, Arch's widow, donated his negative collection to the Lewis County High School. The teacher responsible for the collection and one of our members, David Bush, realized that there were almost a thousand nitrate negatives in the collection. Nitrate negatives are unstable and are combustible. Yours truly made the arrangements with Archives and History to copy these precious negatives as prints and to then dispose of the negatives. HCPD will scan the prints for a permanent record and then pass the copies on to the high school. We should receive the last of these next week.

Soon we will begin working on almost four thousand glass negatives in the Ellis Collection. Our plans for these are still uncertain. There is a real possibility that these will be preserved by scanning into the computer for electronic storage. This method is less costly and should assure that the images are preserved; it will also make them easier to share with our members.

The Creed Shutts Collection is about a thousand glass negatives of images taken by W. E. Carpenter of Freeman's Creek District between 1900 and 1906. Burl, aka "Bill," Waggoner is picking and choosing the identifiable ones from this collection for printing.

The biggest problem with both of these collections is that not all images are identified except in general terms. Our plans for identification include making photocopies and seeking out older individuals in the community who might know who they are, sponsoring a couple of photo exhibits, and inviting you - when you are

in the library - to stop by the workroom and see if there's anybody you know in the prints. Beginning next issue we will print a couple of images in each issue as well as provide you with clues about some of the others. Wait! Why wait?? Let me give you the first clue.

We have an image of a group of people scattered along a dock that extends into a body of water. The clothing is of the late 1920s period and the identity is "The Rebecca Hinzman Picnic." Was there an annual Hinzman picnic? Can anybody tell us who Rebecca Hinzman was? Where might the photo have been taken? If you think a photocopy of the image might help you, please call or write to me at the library.

What makes this particular picture even more interesting is that the volunteer in charge of the collection is Doris Hinzman Broschius. Doris is the daughter of Ralph Hinzman Sr. They don't know who Rebecca Hinzman was. Do you?

I know this letter is getting rather long, but there is so much to share with you - and, the HCPD president and my husband (Chuck) has asked me to include his letter with mine, so I can be excused since it is actually two letters - Chuck's and mine.

Another good thing has happened at HCPD. Three years ago your board of directors made what to us then was a large commitment. We leased a copier with payments of \$155/month with the eventual buy-out of \$1 at the end of the lease. This copier has been used in the front part of the library every since. We paid the dollar this month! We continue to retain the maintenance contract at the cost of a penny a copy; this contract should keep this old workhorse going for many more years.

That's it for now...

Joy

*Arch Ellis was the owner and operator of Ellis Studio from the early 1930s into the 70s. In addition, he acquired glass plates from other early Lewis County photographers.

NEEDED Two to three page articles and stories suitable for journal publication. We know you all have stories to tell. Tell them to our readers...PLEASE!

RAP WITH RAYDINE



Dear Cousins -

We're in the winter doldrums - at least some of us are. When I consider the weather, shirt-sleeve warm one week, gray and rainy the next, then cold and crisp, with today an ice storm I'm tempted to curl up by the fire with a good book. But no such luck - Joy and Chuck have projects for us to do: "Stamp that mail", "Sort those zip code", "Police this messy room and desk (they should talk!)", "Sort those pictures", "Why don't you work on those county records?" - you've figured by now that we are not allowed a winter lull!

Just so we volunteers won't feel alone in our misery, I'm going to speak seriously to all of you HCPD members. Are you working on your articles for the new heritage publication? Keep in mind that we are limited as to the number we can print and articles will be accepted in order of arrival.

Have you considered sending some of your research findings to us for publication? We would like to hear about some different families. Anecdotes are also welcome as most people like to read about the human side of research.

If you would like to have us publish some particular type of article, please let us hear. A note telling us what you like (or don't like) would be welcome.

It's time to return to my labors - have a lovely Valentine's Day! We'll talk again soon -

Cousin Raydine

Superstition - You should always leave a house by the same door you enter, or you will have bad luck.

pg 520 19 Apr 1791

John Schoolcraft vs. John Wolf, Motion - upon the oath and testimony given to the satisfaction of the court, ordered that John Schoolcraft be set at liberty from the obligation of servitude by which he is bound by his father's obligation to said Wolf.

pg 531 17 May 1791

Saml. Hall came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 200 acres of land to John Radcliff Senior and the same is ordered to be recorded.

pg 532 1st Monday in June 1791

Present Benjamin Robinson, Watson Clark, Benj. Coplin, and John Radcliff Gentlemen justices

Nicholas Carpenter vs Jacob Bonnett - Judgement for plaintiff L2.5.0

pg 533 1st Monday in June 1791

Edmund West and Catherine his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance to Edward Hickman for 200 acres of land. She being first privately examined and consented. The same is ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that John Hall be surveyor of the highway from the fish pot ford near said John Halls to the dividing ridge between Joseph Coon and William Tucker and the tithables in Enoch James district and Joseph Coons and Thomas Chaney's tithables aid and assist said surveyor in opening and keeping the same in repair.

That John Simms be surveyor of the highway from the forks of the road by Jethro Thompsons to Thomas Reeds.

pg 535 18 Jul 1791

Present John Sleeth, William Haymond, John Haymond, Joseph Davisson and John Radcliff, gentlemen justices.

John Sleeth Senior came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 346 acres of land to his son David Wallace Sleeth and the same is ordered to be recorded.

Hezekiah Davisson and Ann his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 130 acres of land to Joil Lowther. She being first privately examined and consented and the same is ordered to be recorded.



pg 535 18 Jul 1791

Also one deed of conveyance is from Joil Lowther and Elisabeth his wife for 100 acres of land to Benjamin (?Nutter). She being first privately examined and consented and the same is ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that Palser Bucher (Bush) be constable in the room of David Bennett.

This day a deed of conveyance from Hugh Thompson of four hundred acres of land to David Hughes was produced in court the same being (Emheated) according to the law of the state of Delaware and is now ordered to be recorded in the Records books of this county.

pg 536 18 Jul 1791

Ordered that David Sleth and John Sims measure the way for a road as laid off by Jethro Thompson Beginning at Thomas Reids until it intersects the Great Road and mark the mile and half mile trees and said two men to be exempted from opening the said road for said (?Tiomv)

On motion of John Cottrall ordered that his brand with the letter E on the near shoulder and C on the off Buttock and mark on cattle, hogs, Sheeps, goats and is a crop of the left ear and a slit in the right ear - that the same be ordered.

pg 537 18 Jul 1791

On motion of John Radcliff Esq. ordered that his brand with the E and R on the near shoulder and his mark on cattle, hogs, Sheep, goats and is a slit in the right ear and two under Bitto in a left ear as and that the same be recorded.

pg 539 15 Aug 1791

Wm. Simms, Chas Botkin and Wm. Cottrell came into court and made oath that John Craige sign, seal and deliver a deed of lein and release to Wm. (?Curt) for 400 acres and a commission of private examination to take the consent of said Craigs wife, is ordered to be recorded.

Grand jury Joseph Hastings, Lawrence McCann, George Moorhead, Alex. Holden, Wm. Runyan, Isaac Davisson, Charles (?Waitten), Joseph Davis, Henry Flesher, Edward Pannill, David Stout, Alex. Morrison, Moses Eslworth Jun., Knotley Duvall, Wm. Barkley and Thomas Barkley being sworn. Indictments presentes:

We the grand jury do present Daniel Davisson for keeping of an unlawful Ball Alley by the knowledge of two of our own body.

We also find against John McCally for assault and battery upon the body of Thomas Asbury.

We also find against Thomas Asbury for assault and battery upon the body of John McCally.

We also find against David Hughes for retailing Spirits liquor and suffering the same to be Drank in his house. We also find against James Reger for retailing spirits liquor and suffering the same to be drank in his house.

pg 553 Sept 1791

John Runyan to the four mile and half tree, John Heagle with his district to the ten mile tree and Jesse Hughes to the seven mile and half tree and Jacob Woolf from the Ford 7 1/2 mile tree on mile and a quarter tree which will intersect the Great Road.

pg 553 Sep 1791

William Lowther and Sidney his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance to Benj. Wilson of 400 acres of land. She being first privately examined and consented and the same is ordered to be recorded.

John McDonald vs Samuel Hull - on complaint that said Hull detained his wife's orphan child---Charles Hull and David Hull sworn for Defendant. Ordered by court that Samuel Hull deliver up to said McDonald said child and ordered that the indentures said Hull entered into before this court be certified.

Andrew McAntire came into court and made oath that John McIntire deceased dyed without a Will as far as he knows or believes and entered into bond with two securitys for the faithful performance of duty as administrator of said John deceased and took the oath of administration.

pg 557 28 Sep 1791

William Martan Esq. is by court appointed commission of the taxor said county in the room of Nicholas Carpenter deceased and said Martan sworn into office according to law.

Hezkiah Davisson is by court recommended to his Excellency the Governor as a proper person to fill the office of corner for this county as Nicholas Carpenter the former cornor being deceased.

Peter Kinshalo and Margaret his wife came into court, she being first privately examined and consenting and acknowledged a deed for one hundred acres to Thomas Cottrall Junior and the same ordered to be recorded.

JAMES COBURN I - FROM PA TO WV?

By Mona J. Mattingly

It is generally accepted by Coburn researchers that James Coburn I was born ca 1690 in Chester Co., PA, to William and Mary (Baker) Coburn (in the area, spelled "Coebourn"). I have seen no documentation of this, but it is a possibility given the following facts: that William arrived in America with his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Coebourn on 28 Sep. 1681 from Berkshire, England on the ship, "Bristol Factor"¹; they settled in Chester Co., PA; and, had William married at the end of the 1600's, he could have had a son, the James Coburn who was listed as a taxable in W. Nottingham Twp., Chester Co., in 1721.²

On a 1724-25 tax list of Conestoga Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, is listed a James Cobron, JR.. (from Papers Read before the Lancaster Co. Historical Society³). A 1725 Conestoga Tax List with his name, taken by A. Hunter Rineer, also appears in the Lancaster Co. Heritage, Vol. 1, #1⁴.

Note: I cannot account for the "Jr." here, but Conestoga Twp. at this time was part of Chester Co. Lancaster was not established until 1729.

1733 James Coburn was taxed for owning land in Monocacy 100 of then Prince George's Co., MD (now Frederick). *"We believe they were actually living in our area or in later counties further west of MD."*⁵ (This book of church and courthouse records, from "Gettysburg to the Potomac and South Mountains", offers a reasonable movement of James, from eastern PA to the South Branch, if he did indeed fail to occupy the land from which he obtained a Blundston License in 1735 and went south instead.)

1735 Blunston Licenses were granted to James and his son Jonathan, on the Conococheague River in what is now Montgomery Twp., Franklin Co., PA. Jonathan received his license after his father had been given his, but it is doubtful that either James or Jonathan actually resided on the lands granted to them. (An explanation of these licenses and the reason for their use is on Appendix Page #1).

¹ Passengers & Ships Prior to 1684, compiled by Walter L. Sheppard, Jr., 1970. Publication of Welcome Society of PA.

² Fenwick Collection, Kittochtinny Historical Library, Chambersburg, PA. (hereafter: Fenwick)

³ Coburn Family, from Genealogical Archives of Lancaster Co., PA Mennonite Historical Society. (hereafter: Coburn Family)

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Monocacy and Catoctin, Vol. I, by C. E. Schildknecht. (hereafter: Monocacy); Blunston License Book, PA State Archives, Harrisburg, PA (hereafter: Blunston); Fenwick.

*"February 27th James Coebourn, 300 acres. No Survey. At the Walnut Ridge on a Smal run on the North west side of Conegochege."*⁶

(This is located, probably, in Montgomery Co. on the Conococheague River in the Welsh Run area. On 11 Jun 1735 a license was granted on land described as lying "about three miles west of James Coebourns", and on a May 15th 1736 license, the land was described as being on the "northerly side of James Coebourns tract where a hunter had made a cabin.")

May 29th, Jonathan Coebourn, 300 acres On the South west side of the Walnut Ridge at a place called the flag meadow on the West Side of Conegochege (this tract is assigned to Philip David)"

(By 1737, after Jonathan sold to Philip Davis (referred to as David on the license and also on the deed below), - see deed below - other licenses appear for land on the Conococheague in the vicinity of Philip David's tract).

1736 "John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires. Whereas, by a Commission bearing date Jan. 11, 1733, we authorized the late Samuel Blunston, Esq., deed to issue Licenses and Warrants for the Settlement of our Lands on the west Side of Susquehanna River within our County of Lancaster - One Lycense was given James Cowbourn to settle on 300 acres land, place called the Walnut Ridge on a small Run on the North West Side of Conegoocheege, and another was given to Jonathan Cowbourn, 300 acres on the South West side of the Walnut Ridge at a place called the Flagg Meadow in the west side of Conegocheege. The said James Cowbourn and Mary, his wife, and the said Jonathan Cowbourn by their deed poll bearing date the 16 of Oct., 1736, sold the said tracts of land unto Philip Davis (Als David) of the said County...in 1737 there was surveyed and laid out unto the said Philip Davis, by our Consent and Direction, the quantity of one thousand and fifty acres of land including the land granted to James and Jonathan Cowbourn and all the land between the said two tracts and make the whole lye contiguous, situate on a Branch of Conegocheege Creek...thence by John Davy Richard's land...by James Harlan's...sum of 94 pounds, fourteen Shillings...Beholden to us our Heirs and Successors Proprietors of Penna as of our Manor of Conestoga in the said County of Lancaster.

Nov. 5, 1740 - The 20th year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain.

George Thomas, Esq. ⁷

⁶ Blunston

SURVEY - page 225 of the Survey Docket Bk., Franklin Co. Courthouse (copy on Appendix page #2)

"Draught of a tract of Land Situate within the County of Lancaster on the west Side of the Susquehanna (now Montgomery Twp., Franklin County) Containing one thousand and fifty acres and allow (?) Surveyed June 21st, 1737, and a warrant of acceptance granted to Philip Davis dated November 4th, 1746. Copied from the original Survey from the Surveyor Generals office as certified by the Surveyor General Oct. 5th, 1781.

by Emanuel Kuhn C.S."

1736-1740 - The South Branch of the Potomac was call Wappatomaca by the Indians (their word-sound for South Branch). The manor on the Wappacoma (contraction of the more likely Indian description of the stream that had its beginning at the white, or snow-covered ground) was the largest of all the tracts of land the 6th Lord of Fairfax reserved for himself or his relatives, out of his vast Northern Neck Proprietary (55,000 acres). It reached down both sides of the river from the upper end of Royal Glen Gorge to "The Trough", (21 miles in all).

The original survey of the South Branch Manor by James Glen was completed 13 Nov. 1746, but according to Morrison ⁸, "there were settlers occupying parts of it even while it was being surveyed. James & Jonathan Cockburn (Coburn), James Rutledge, John Howard, James Walker and others seem to have entered some land claimed prior to 1740 by John & Isaac Van Meter. This land was near The Trough on some abandoned Indian old fields near the junction of two Indian trails, the McCulough Path and the Seneca Trail." When the Van Meters returned in 1744, these families had moved upstream. There is evidence, in some later grants they obtained from Lord Fairfax, that the Van Meters held colonial patents to their land. Fairfax was required, by the terms of his royal patent, to leave alone the lands of those who held valid colonial grants.

"James Rutledge and Jonathan Cockburn were among the first settlers granted land outside the manor (but within the proprietary) at the usual quitrent of 2 shillings per 100 acres annually. This was one of the permanent, in fee grants, which became part of a family's heritable estate, the highest form of land tenure available to the settler in colonial

⁷ Fenwick

⁸ Early Fairfax Land Grants & Leases Along the South Branch of the Potomac, by Charles Morrison, (hereafter: Morrison) History of West Virginia, Vol. 38. Hardy Co. (hereafter: HWV)

Virginia. Jonathan was granted 250 ac. on Lot #6, along the So. Branch, north of "The Trough". It was the second deed recorded for a grant along this part of the river - 25 Aug. 1748. Whether Jonathan ever occupied this Lot #6 is uncertain. After 1761 Cockburn is not found in Hampshire Co., records.⁹

The Holt material ¹⁰ quotes from Thomas Lewis' Journal, "*Going 21 miles down the river to Wappacoma River, going 3 miles down the West Fork of Mill Creek to the Coburns.*" Raymond Coburn¹¹ writes of George Washington, at the age of 17, coming with his associates, to the South Branch Valley to do some surveying and, after leaving what is now known as Petersburg, continued up the North Fork to the home of James Rutledge and on to James Coburn's place near Petersburg.

1748, Feb. 15 - Jonathan Coburn posted bond as administrator of the estate of James Cobourn, his father. Sureties: John Dobikin & Michael Stump. Augusta Co. Courthouse, Staunton, VA. Will Book #1, p.99. Jonathan was the oldest son. (witness his being granted a Blunston License with his father in 1735 and his selection as administrator of his father's estate.)

1749, April 19th - James Cobourn's appraisement. Debts were settled with Andre Knoling, Peter Tustt, Henry Sheplar, Geo. Sea, Fredrick Sea and Thomas Dove. Those owing him were: James Kuykendall, Samuel Coburn (son), Christian Ewigh, Joel Hornback, Jacob Coburn (son), Wm. Leane, Isaac Coburn (son), Henry Femster, John Ryon, Aaron Price, Jno. Collins, Jno. Warwell, Richard Field, Henry Cartwright, Garrett Decker, Daniel Richardson and John Kuykendall. The accounts were compiled by Abraham Vanderpoole, James Simpson and Michael Horn. Augusta Co. Will Book #1, p. 165.

In that day James was considered a rich man, his personal estate valued at \$1,122. He owned a negro man, appraised at \$66.67 and a negro woman, worth \$110. He was one of the few owners of "an iron-shod wagon". This inventory shows that James had bear and buffalo meat. Buffalo was so plentiful in the Valley of VA that in 1739 its hide brought in 33 1/3 cents.

¹²

⁹ Morrison

¹⁰ Letter of 1/6/1987 from Mary K. Holt of Weston, WV, containing research on Jonathan Coburn I, compiled by Mathew Holt, prior to 1980. (hereafter: Holt)

¹¹ History of Harrison County, WV, by Henry Haymond. Acme Pub. Co., 1910. (Hereafter: Haymond)

¹² "VA Magazine of History and Biography". Vol. XXX, #2, p. 79.

Children of James and (Mary??) Note: In the deed of 1736 it states, "*the said James Cowbourn and Mary, his wife*"... (see above). This is the only place I have ever seen a reference to his wife.

1. Jonathan b. ca 1700, Chester Co., PA (probably); d. Monongalia Co., VA bef. 17 Nov. 1781, when Catherine was appointed his administrator. (Catherine's last name not known. She could also be his 2nd wife).
2. John d. in Anson Co., NC. His will, dated 26 Nov. 1764, names brothers, Jonathan, Samuel, Jacob, Isaac and sisters - Judah, Mary Rebecca, Sarah.
3. Samuel m. Margaret Burnett

1750 Samuel pioneered on Catawba River in the new county of Anson (later Rowan) NC. His was the 35th recorded land grant, dated 29 Sept. 1750.¹³

1753 he was joined by his brother John and sister Judith. Brother Jacob came in 1754.¹⁴

1775 in Feb. Samuel left Anson Co. and joined Capt. Twitty's group from NC, who were embarking on an expedition, to be led by Daniel Boone in order to blaze a road to KY, with his family by early winter in 1775. With him were his wife, Margaret, daughter Ann and her new husband, James McDonald and his brother Patrick McDonald. Samuel's son James and his family came to Boonesboro in the spring of 1776.

During his sojourn in NC, Samuel developed his properties and became prosperous. There is a Nov. 1791 court record of manumission by Margaret Coburn, suggesting that Samuel may have brought slaves with his family from NC to KY. This particular record also reveals that Samuel Coburn left a will, but it does not appear in the KY Court records.¹⁵

Samuel was one of 7 men who accompanied Daniel Boone to KY and helped found Boonesboro in 1775. His son, James and family & the Harrods all came from Charlottesville, NC with Boone's "First Colony". James Harrod was the founder of Fort Harrod & Harrodsburg, KY.¹⁶

a. Ann, d/o Samuel was b. 4 Mar. 1756 in Rowan Co., NC¹⁷. She m. 1st James McDonald, who was killed by Indians at Drennon's Lick in 1776.

¹³ Harrod Family file in the Filson Club Library, Louisville, KY. (hereafter: Harrod)

¹⁴ To Kentucky With Boone. The Coburn Family Odyssey, presented to the Filson Club by Lyon J. Hoard of San Francisco. (hereafter: Boone)

¹⁵ Harrod

¹⁶ Boone; Filson Club, Louisville, KY.

¹⁷ Ibid

¹⁸ Their son, James Jr., was scalped by the Indians at age 12. In 1778, at Fort Logan, she married James Harrod. ¹⁹

James Harrod was born in Little Cove, Fulton Co., PA in 1742, s/o John & Sarah Moore Harrod. He married Ann Coburn McDonald, a widow in Feb. of 1778 and took her and his stepson, 2 year old James McDonald, to live in Harrodsburg, but moved them to Harrod's Station in 1779.

1785 Margaret Harrod was born. It is claimed that, when she was married in 1802, she was one of the richest girls in KY.

1802 James McDonald, Jr. was burned alive at the stake by Indians when he was only 12 years old.

1789 James and Ann Harrod were granted 700 ac. in Mercer Co., KY on the Ohio River, on 9th of Jun. Deed Bk. 2:72²⁰

1791 James wrote his will on Nov. 28. He disappeared on a hunting trip in 1792. His death was mysterious in that in 1803 a Capt. Herrod was found shot, scalped and tomahawked near Chilicothe, OH. Articles on this murder were carried in the "Franklin Repository" of May 21 and May 28 of 1803. ²¹

b. James, s/o Samuel was 13 yrs. older than Ann.²² A James Coburn was attached to the Independent Co., MD Regular Troops, under the command of Captain James Hinderman. He enlisted on Jan. 31, 1776 and d. in 1793 of wounds he received in the Revolution.

Sarah Coburn, d/o James and Fanny (Wishard) Coburn, m. Goodrich Lightfoot Hackley in 1802. She must be Samuel's granddaughter.²³

c. Samuel

d. John B.

e. Kitty

Note: Raymond Coburn names the 5 children above as belonging to Samuel, but the well documented paper in the Harrod file in the Filson Club, Louisville, KY, state that Ann had only one sibling, James. ²⁴

¹⁸ Letter to Mrs. Otis Swainson of Piedmont, CA, dated 11/2/1962, by Lyon J. Hoard of Curundu, Canal Zone, from the Coburn Family file of the Filson Club, Louisville, KY.

¹⁹ Boone: Haymond.

²⁰ Old KY Entries & Deeds, by Willard R. Jillson, SC.D, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987.

²¹ History of the Little Cove by Harry Foreman, Vol. IV: 110.

²² Boone

²³ Boone

²⁴ Harrod

4. Judith m. John Clement and was living in Halifax Co., VA in 1755. From Early Records of Anson Co., NC, McBee, p. 28²⁵. Named in brother John's will of 1764.
5. Mary mentioned in John's will of 1764, as his sister.
6. Sarah also mentioned as a sister in John's will.
7. Jacob - The Spanish census of 1792 of Natchez Dist., West FL (now Mississippi) on Pierre Bayou (now Claiborne) Co. lists the names of Samuel Cobbun & Jacoba Cobbun. ²⁶ Named as his brother in John's will of 1764.
8. Isaac - also named a brother in John's will.
9. Rebecca - listed as sister in John's will.

Appendix - James Coburn I

In 1721 "squatters began to settle on lands west of the Susquehanna River. Since these lands had not yet been purchased from the Indians, Gov. Richard Peters ordered the illegal settlers removed. A bond of 500 pounds had been posted for their removal, so it is probable that the order was carried out, but also probable that others continued to move in. In fact, settlers from Maryland, under the permission of Maryland, were moving across the border to take up lands in the southern portion of this area. In 1733-34, to prevent Marylanders filling up all of the lands along the southern border, until such time as they could be purchased from the Indians, the Penns commissioned Samuel Blunston to issue licenses to settlers from Pennsylvania."

These licenses were temporary. Once the lands had been purchased from the Indians, warrants would be issued. And this was done after the purchase of 1736. The original Blunston License Book resides in the PA Department of Internal Affairs, and contains the names of the earliest settlers in the Cumberland Valley, as well as the earliest recorded place names to this territory.

"A Record of Licenses Granted to Sundry Persos to Settle and take up land on the West Side of Susquehannah River by Virtue of a Comission from the Honble Thoma Penn Esqr Bearing Date the 11 Day of January 1733. To Samuel Blunston of Lancast County."

²⁵ Haymond: 8

²⁶ Early Records of Anson Co., NC, by May W. McBee. Genealogical Publishing Co. 1950, p. 29.

The Coburns and Bakers In Pennsylvania

Otis L. Reed

In Volume XIII, Issue 4, 1994-95, of the "Hacker's Creek Journal", Fred Randolph of Townsend, Montana, discusses his relationship to Thomas Coburn of Berkshire, England, who came to America with William Penn.²⁷ Because I also can count Coburn among my ancestors some twelve generations back, I once made it my business (while living in the Philadelphia area) to see exactly where the family resided.²⁸ I suppose some of his numerous descendants might be interested in what I found.

Coburn is often said to have lived in Chester - as though one could hardly throw a rock without hitting him. More precisely, Coburn lived in Westtown Township of Chester County. In his time, today's Chester County included the city of Chester County to what became his homestead followed a usual pattern. He landed at the city of Chester, then migrated northwest, via an old Indian trail, to the rich lands available some ten miles inland.

It seems that Thomas Coburn had a grant of 450 acres due him, and he took 350 acres up-country as a homesite and farm - and reserved the balance to later get into trouble with Penn. Just where was that first plantation? It was north of where today's Pennsylvania state road 352 joins state road 926.²⁹ It is easy to get there, but there's not much to see. The land is covered with dwellings, some of which seem to be apartments or condominiums. There is no doubt, however, as to the location. If one consults the 1687 map by Thomas Holmes, Coburn is shown exactly at that location and listed there as "Th Cowborne."³⁰

And how did Coburn get into trouble with Penn? One of the first businesses established in the Chester area was a grist mill owned jointly by William Penn and Caleb Pussy. Since it was the only mill in the area it was

²⁷ George Smith, *A History of Delaware County, 1862*, p. 454, states that Coburn came from Cashel, in the kingdom of Ireland. *The Passenger & Immigration List Index, First Edition*, by P. William Filby says he arrived in 1681.

²⁸ see attached genealogy

²⁹ see modern map detail

³⁰ see early map detail. Thomas Holmes. *A Mapp of ye Improved Part of Pennsilvania in America, divided into Countyes, Townships, and Lotts, 1687*. On seeing that this map was "Sold by Geo. Willdey at the Great Toy Spectacle, China-ware, and Print-Shop, at the Corner of Ludgate Street, near St. Paul's, London." one is inclined not to have much confidence in it as far as accuracy is concerned. However, Thomas Holmes was Penn's first Surveyor General and made a truly excellent map. The more I worked with it, the better I like it.

very lucrative.. This situation presented no problems as long as people lived close by. But as the community spread out, many began to find it burdensome to haul their grain to mill in Chester. Coburn solved the problem by establishing his additional hundred acres on the banks of Chester Creek in nearby Thornbury Township, and building a mill. He was soundly criticized for this and, I suppose, somewhat frowned upon in the Quaker Community. There's nothing, however, to suggest that the mill was closed or folded for want of patronage.

So much for Thomas Coburn. Now let us consider his neighbor, Joseph Baker, who, as can be seen on the map, had a 500 acre spread southwest of Coburn's farm. Joseph Baker is, of course, the father of Mary Baker who married Coburn's son, William, in 1685. This was in keeping with the thinking for the times for these old Quakers did not even like to marry "across the creek." The piety of those on other banks was always suspect with these stern Quakers - and it was feared the creek might rise and keep errant souls guilty of marrying across the stream from getting to meeting.

There is quite a bit more information on Joseph Baker than Thomas Coburn because of a fairly recent history of Edgemont Township, which is where Baker lived.³¹ Baker arrived in the new World early and was already farming on the western edge of Gilead Township when it changed its name to Edgemont in 1687. He prospered mightily there and was a long-term mover and shaker in his community. And when he came to die, his will read:

" I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Mary Baker, my Negro woman named Martha & Two of my best cows & one young horse & my best feather bed & the furnishing belonging to it & my warming pan & my best chist' & one chair & my best iron pot and one kittle and my best pewter dish & six plates & ye privilege of one room in the dwelling house (viz) the shed or leanto for & during her natural life and also in my right mind & will yt ye aforesd cow and horse shall be kept both summer and winter upon ye plantation I now live upon during her natural life and furthermore it is my mind & will that my son John Baker shall render unto my wife aforesaid five pound Currnt. silver money of Pensilvania and ten bushells of wheat & three barrels of syder & apples shall be rendered given and pyd unto her & every year."³²

³¹ Jane Levis Carter, *Edgemont, The Story of a Township*, 1976, pp. 85-86, 164, 238-240.

³² Ibid. p. 86.

This is the will of a very successful man of the times. The giving of a slave (one of three listed on the inventory) is significant because that institution was a factor in the moving of some of our relatives to Virginia. By the time of Baker's death in 1716, many Quakers had begun the dominant view in Pennsylvania it was followed by an exodus of slave holding Quakers to the South. Among them were the descendants of Thomas Coburn and Joseph Baker.

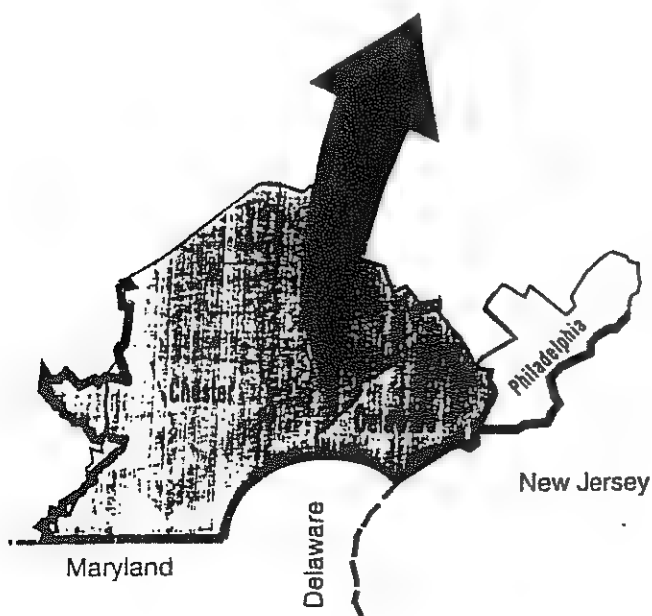
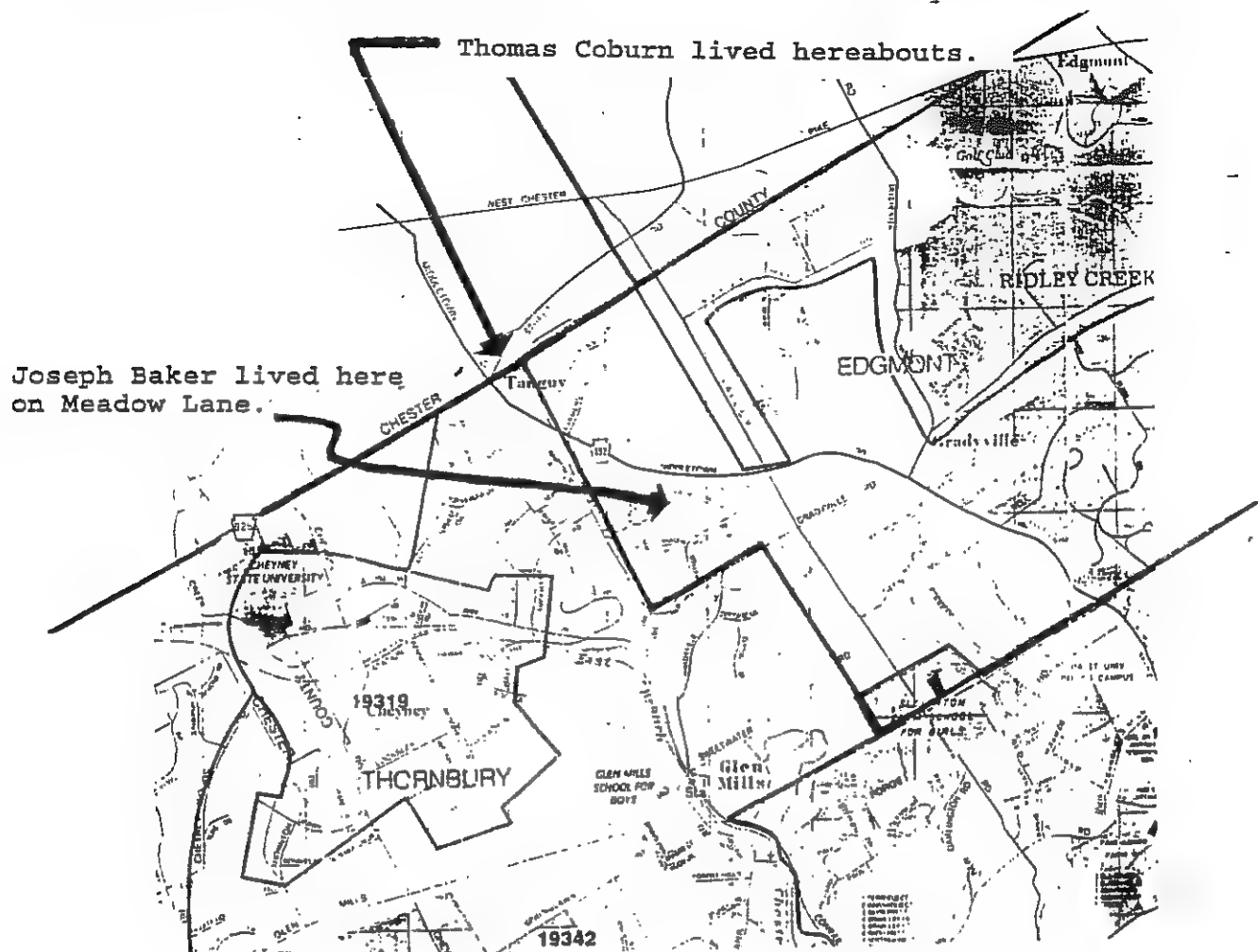
As I have said, there is not much to see at the Coburn homesite. There is better luck, however, with Joseph Baker's home. In fact, some historians believe that the original house may be buried in the building presently occupying the site. The current house can be seen by proceeding along Route 352 and turning west onto Meadow Lane in the Gradyville area. The Victorian facade on the edifice occupying the homesite (south of the road) is the result of a makeover during the late nineteenth century.³³

Both Coburn and Baker attended the Quaker Meeting House near Lima, Pennsylvania, and are buried there. At the time of their demise, however, it was considered worldly to put up a grave stone - so they lie among the unmarked.

Relationship of the writer to Thomas Coburn:

Thomas Coburn - Elizabeth; William Coburn - Mary Baker; James Coburn; Jonathan Coburn - Catherine; Jonathan Coburn, Jr. - Mary Coburn - Thomas Lowther; Margaret Lowther - William B. Peterson; Anna Peterson - Alexander Marsh; Marshall C. Marsh - Catherine Means; Alice Marsh - Charles K. Gibson; Charles E. Gibson - Stata Osborn; Hallie Gibson - Orris Reed; Otis L. Reed.

³³ see photo



The ear hanging west out of Edgemont Township results from the inclusion of Joseph Baker's plantation in that subdivision when it was formed more than 300 years ago.

Coburn photo

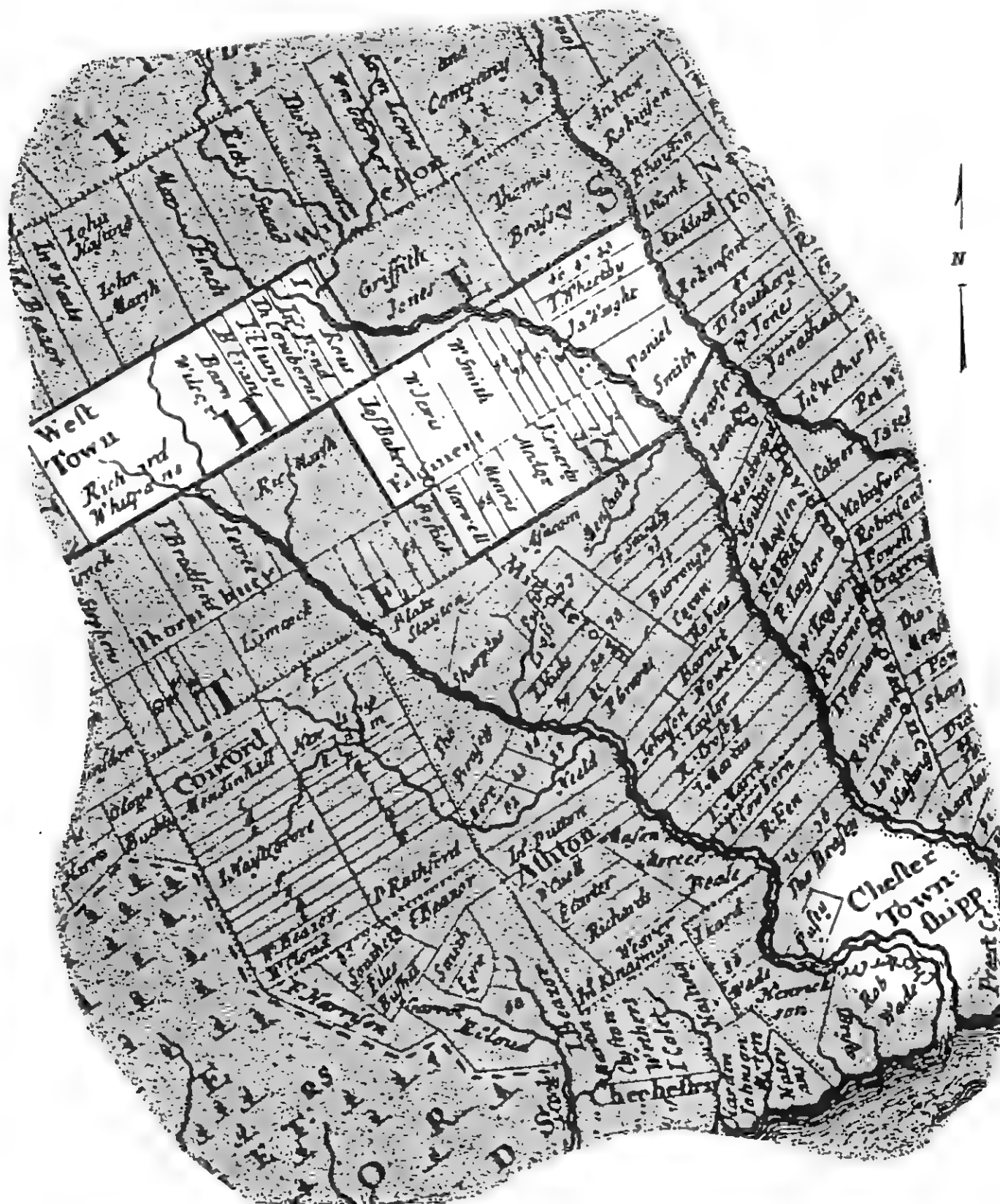


The original Joseph Baker house may be included in the dwelling currently located on the homesite. If so, it is on the lower floor to the left in these views. The left-most window was the original door and the current door was originally a window.

Joseph Baker
1688.

The. Koller
1682.

These autographs are as printed in facsimile in the 1862 history of Delaware County. I would not offer them without noting that there were two Joseph Bakers (my ancestor and his nephew) and that here Coburn may be spelled with a K.



As can be seen in this 1687 map, the countryside was quickly taken up and settled. Coburn and Baker can be found in the unshaded area near the top of the map.

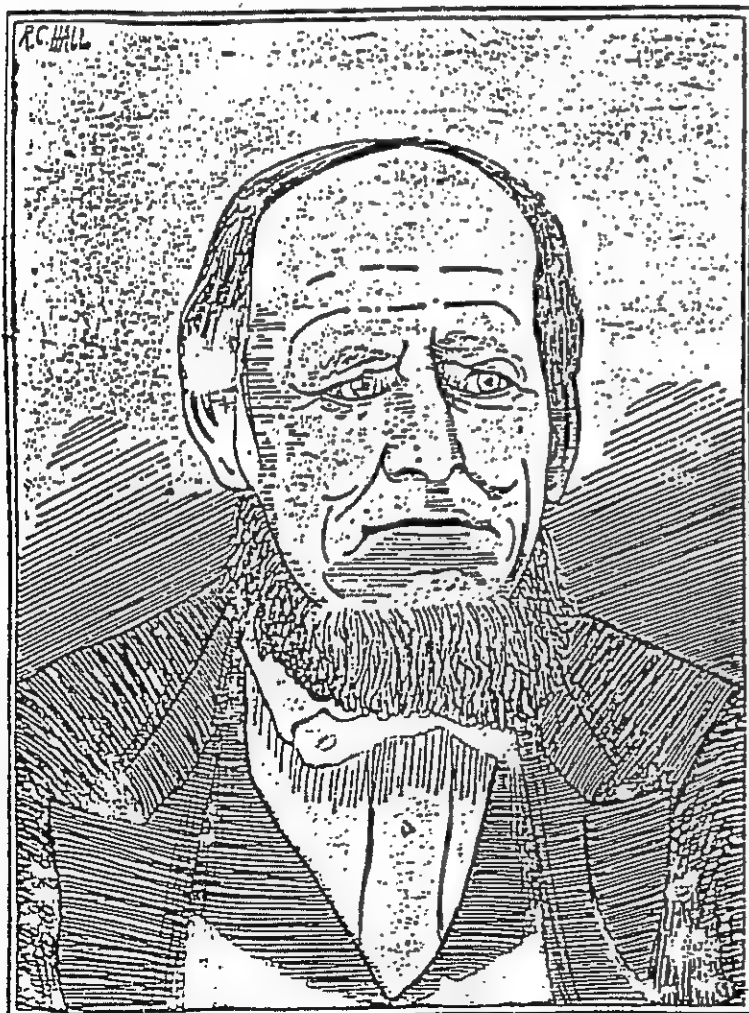
Flesher Family Looms Large In River History

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Jonah's Peter Flesher Came To America in 1753 On The ship 'Neptune'; His Descendant, Captain B. T. Flesher, Established Ferry Business at Huntington About 1904, Operating It Through City's Greatest Boom Period.

By R. C. HALL

PIONEERED IN BOAT BUILDING



Captain A. J. Flesher, Above, In 1865 purchased an interest in a boat-building firm at Murraysville; later the name Flesher became almost synonymous with that industry in the Ohio valley; Captain Flesher was the father of the late B. T. Flesher of Huntington.

Some family names have become almost synonymous with certain industries or professions. For instance Ford and automobiles, Rockefeller and oil, Edison and electricity and even Hitler and dictatorship, if the latter can be truly called a profession. Of course there are other names than those just mentioned which also suggest automobiles, oil, electricity and dictatorships respectively, but this fact does not disprove our original contention. And so, along the Ohio river, there are many names that recall certain phrases of the steam boat industry. Few, in southern Ohio, are more nearly synonymous with boat building and boat operating than the name of Flesher.

This name first became prominent in boating circles about the year 1865, when Captain A. J. Flesher purchased the interest of H. R. Sherman and Isaac Sherman in the old boat-yard at Murraysville, and together with the remaining owner, E. W. Skillinger continued the firm in the business of boat building.

Murraysville is a small place on the banks of the Ohio River in Jackson county, West Virginia, where the chief industry for almost a century has been the building of steamboats and other craft for navigation on the Ohio, Mississippi and other inland streams in the United States. It became especially famous throughout the Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky section as many of the famous steamers that have plied the Ohio along the shores of those states have been built in this same old boat-yard.

Built Famous Boats

Among the names of steamers that were household words in their day and that were built at Murraysville, were the Amazon, the Miami, the Scioto Valley, the General Scott, the Oneida, the Congress, the Importer, the Fort Wayne, the Beacon, the Louis Philippe, the City Belle, the Oriole and many others.

Besides steamers, the Murraysville boat yard has turned out notable craft of various other kinds, particularly the great wharf-boat for Captain McCoy 1 of Cincinnati and which, at the time, was perhaps the largest boat of any kind on any river in North America.

Of course this business was already well established when Captain Flesher became interested in it, but it took on a new lease on life, so to speak, when he became a leading member of the firm. He had the vision of youth tempered by the wisdom of a wide experience already gained in steamboating and the boat business in general. Almost immediately new facilities for boat building began to appear at the boat-yard. Notable among these was the establishment of a fine planing mill which of course increased greatly the facilities of the concern for handling lumber so greatly needed in boat building.

Under the leadership of Captain Flesher and his partner, Murraysville became almost a model town for sobriety, good order and morality in general, which is saying a good deal for a river port where naturally men of almost all types are attracted for business or pleasure.

Frowned On Whiskey

A newspaper writer in 1876, commenting upon this fact, stated that there had not been a whiskey shop kept in the place for 30 years or more and added that *"as long as Captain A. J. Flesher and R. W. Skillinger run the yard it may be safely predicted that whiskey will get but a poor foothold in the town"*.

But although the Flesher name first became widely associated with the boat building industry at Murraysville, that is not the first place it appeared in history, by any means. Long before that time, various members of the family had attracted more than local attention as soldiers, scouts, pioneers and founders of towns along the frontier, especially in Virginia and what is now West Virginia. In an old record book, we find that one *"Johannes Peter Flesher came to America, arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., September 24, 1753, on the ship 'Neptune', John Mason, master, from*

*Rotterdam, Holland, via Cowes.*¹ He became the progenitor of the Flesher family in the United States. Like many of the early immigrants to Pennsylvania, he apparently migrated quickly to Virginia and down the Shenandoah valley to historic old Augusta County, the records of which show that Peter Flesher was naturalized and became a citizen of the colony on August 22, 1770.

Peter Flesher was the father of the following children: Henry, Johanne, Peter, Conrad, John, Pulzor, William, Elizabeth, Barbara and Sophia. Of these Peter, who died in 1799, became a great land owner in Augusta County, while Henry served as a soldier in the American army during the Revolutionary war, thus following in his father's footsteps, for Peter Flesher was a spy under Captain John McCoy against the Indians in 1776.

This Henry Flesher, himself, served as a private in a Virginia regiment. The records indicate that Henry Flesher enlisted in 1777 for two years, and was promoted on August 21 of that year to the rank of sergeant, and was discharged on August 19, 1778.

There is also information available to the effect that Henry Flesher was known as "major", but while his war records do not substantiate this claim, they do indicate that he qualified as a second lieutenant and was accepted as ensign on June 20, 1781, all of which at least indicates that if this is the same Henry Flesher mentioned above, he re-enlisted sometime subsequent to the expiration of his first term as a soldier.

At that time, Henry Flesher's home was in Pendleton County, Virginia, but the early history of Weston, West Virginia indicates that the first permanent white settlement made on that site was made by Henry Flesher who settled at the head of the West Fork river². Some may question the accuracy of the statement that this was the first permanent white settlement there, maintaining that it was not permanent, for in 1784, the Indians are said to have driven Mr. Flesher away. But, as he only went as far as the Thomas Hughes settlement on Hackett's Creek, where he took refuge for a time, and the town of Weston soon sprang up, it is hardly unreasonable to call his settlement the first permanent white one made on the site.

Henry Flesher's will was recorded at Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia and makes mention of the following named children: Andrew, Adam, Peter, William, Ann, Elizabeth, Mary and Susannah. Of these, Andrew was born in Harrison County,

¹ This article follows what was the traditional thinking about the Flesher immigration for fifty years. However, the passenger list for the ship "Neptune" shows that Johannes Fleisher arrived on that ship that day, but the name of "Peter" is not in the list. Furthermore, research in more recent years has shown that it is far more likely that the Henry and Peter Flesher who were pioneers in Lewis and Pendleton Counties actually arrived on the ship "Phoenix" in 1752. See *Hacker's Creek Journal*, Volume 10, Iss. 1, "The German Origins of Henry Flesher," and *Hacker's Creek Journal*, Volume 12, Issue 1, "The German Origins of the Fleischer Family - the German Evidence."

² This article is accurate in its particulars as to the war record of Henry Flesher, son of Peter of Pendleton County, but it is **not** correct to identify this Henry with the Henry who settled on the site of Weston. Weston Henry was the **uncle** of Major Henry. See *Hacker's Creek Journal*, Volume 13, Issue 2, "The Revolutionary War and the Two Henry Fleshers."

Virginia, now West Virginia, in the year 1771³. The census records of Jackson County, Virginia, which is now Jackson County, West Virginia, for the year 1850 shows Andrew Flesher, Sr., as a resident of the latter county at that time. He was 79 years of age while his wife, Elizabeth Bibee Flesher was 72 years of age, they having been married February 21, 1793. Thus this branch of the family, in its migration, had reached the Ohio valley over a decade before the rebellion.

As to the details of the Indian attack upon Henry Flesher, some early records of what is now Lewis County, West Virginia bring out the following facts:

It was just after the close of the Revolutionary War and the return of peace with England probably made some of the pioneers reckless, as the attitude of the Indians was not yet certain. It was, of course, not unreasonable to suppose that they would "bury the hatchet" now that their powerful ally had deserted them. The pioneers could not foresee that a hard war was yet to be fought with the Indians alone before General Wayne forced peace from them at the council at Greenville, in 1795.

The affair between Henry Flesher and the Indians was the first of the engagements in that war in that immediate section of the frontier.

It occurred about the middle of October in the year 1784 and at the spot chosen later to be the seat of government of Lewis County. Henry Flesher had been engaged in hauling some logs for a stable to be built where the Baptist Church of Weston was later erected.

Flesher having started for the cabin to get a bell to put on his horse, which he was preparing to turn loose to graze in the woods, he was fired upon by Indians in ambush near, or in, the ravine which ran down the hill about where Bank Street, Weston, was later laid out. Although not killed, he was severely wounded by a ball which passed through one of his arms. Fortunately none of the shots took effect in his legs and he started at once to run for the cabin. He was immediately pursued by a band of howling natives who almost succeeded in overtaking him. In fact, they did come up with him just as he was about to enter the cabin door. The race was so close, however, that the Indian nearest to him became excited as he saw his quarry about to escape and attempted to kill him by striking him over the head with his gun used as a club. The two men were so close to the cabin by this time that the gun struck the cabin wall which broke the force of the blow, the stock of the gun being shattered against the logs. Mrs. Flesher then pulled her husband into the house and called upon others inside to fire, thus frightening the Indians away. Fearing a renewal of the attack, the family fled to the woods and it was then that Edward Hughes guided them to West Fork, where they remained for a time.

Records, copies of which are now in the hands of descendants in this region, indicate that Andrew Flesher, Sr., had the following children: Isaac, William, Wesley, John and Andrew, Jr. In order to show the prominent part members of that generation of Fleshers played in the life of the times, it may be well to state that William Flesher was a captain in a Virginia company of the Federal army in the Civil War. Wesley was

³ It is doubtful that Andrew was born in Harrison County; and, in fact, he was likely born on the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac near Fort Seybert, where the family lived prior to their move into the West Fork Valley.

a Presbyterian minister, while *Andrew, Jr.*, was a deputy sheriff of Jackson County, Virginia. The latter lived about five miles below Ravenswood, West Virginia, his home being called "*Pleasant View*". It must have been well named for the spot is said to have been and to be still a lovely location.

Isaac Flesher was born on the 22nd day of November, in the year 1796 and lived until the 29th day of June in the year 1841. On the Fourth of July, in the year 1817, he married Elizabeth Bonnett, a descendant of Samuel Bonnett, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Isaac lived up to the family tradition of honorable public service, having been a soldier in the War of 1812. He had the following children: William, Tabitha, Andrew Jackson, Eliza, Marion, Barbara, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Henry Harrison. There must have been some Democratic and Whig blood both in that family, since there was both an Andrew Jackson and a Henry Harrison in it. Or perhaps it was the military tradition rather than the political in the Flesher family which caused admiration of the name of Jackson and Harrison.

Isaac Flesher is the first of the family to become identified with the history of Ohio. His remains and those of his wife lie buried at Letart, Ohio, where monuments have been erected to their memory.

And so we have traced briefly the history of this branch of the Flesher family from the time Peter Flesher landed on the shore of America down to the birth of Andrew Jackson Flesher, the pioneer boatman with whom we started our discussion. Thus it appears that the descent from father to son on down the line ran as follows: Peter Flesher, the immigrant - Henry - Andrew, Sr. - Isaac to Andrew Jackson Flesher, the boatman.

Andrew Jackson Flesher was born on the 2nd day of January in the year 1827. He married Sarah Melissa Weaver September 5, 1847. They had the following children: Flavius J., Millard F., William A., Benjamin T., and Andrew Jackson, Jr.

Elizabeth Bonnett Flesher proved a worthy companion of Isaac Flesher, as she came from the same sturdy pioneer stock and was imbued with the same noble ideals of character and patriotism. A brief sketch of her life is as necessary to a history of the Fleshers as is that of any of its other members.

Elizabeth Bonnett was the granddaughter of Samuel Bonnett, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Samuel was one of a family of five brothers, all of whom served in the American army during the Revolution according to Jacob Bonnett's pension declaration. These five brothers were named Peter, Samuel, John, Jacob and Lewis, the two latter being twins. Their family home was in Frederick County, Virginia, and a number of other prominent West Virginia families besides the Fleshers, such as the Staats and Holswades, were descended from them. They originally came to this country with some French Huguenots.

Left a Widow

Elizabeth Bonnett was born on the 4th day of October in the year 1802. Her parents, William and Barbara Bonnett, lived for a time in Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia, but having migrated to Jackson County in the same state,

Elizabeth spent her girlhood there. In 1817, she married Colonel Isaac Flesher and became the mother of 11 children. In 1841, she was left a widow with eight children to support and very little with which to do it. A less resolute person would have yielded to the importunities of friends who urged her to put her children among her acquaintances but she replied: *"Never, while I can use the shuttle and spinning wheel."*

The struggle must have been a hard one, but was somewhat relieved, in 1859, when she was allowed bounty land on Goose Island in satisfaction for the services rendered by her husband in the War of 1812. She was then 57 years of age and residing in Meigs County, Ohio. In 1878, she applied for a pension but it was not allowed, as it seems that the services of her husband had been rendered after the treaty of peace had been signed and the pension law at that time did not make provisions for such cases. However, she lived to see her surviving children all comfortable and happy and leading useful lives. She passed away on the 3rd day of March in the year 1880, near Reedville, Ohio, and her remains were interred at Letart Falls, Ohio. The following inscription appears on her monument:

"All my treasure is above, All my riches in His love. Treasured world farewell, Jesus calls, with Him I'll dwell."

Isaac Flesher, having received Goose Island in the Ohio River near Letart as bounty land for his services in the War of 1812, established himself there where he passed away June 29, 1841. Andrew Jackson Flesher also made his home there during his youth and that fact - the close association with the river and river folk - perhaps largely determined his subsequent career. At any rate his biography is largely a history of navigation and boat building in this section during his lifetime.

Captain A. J. Flesher began the building of boats when he was but 16 years of age and continued at that business for 55 years. We have already mentioned some of the famous steamers constructed during that boat-building period. It may be well, however, to mention here a few of the more noted ones that Captain Flesher himself built at his own yards. Perhaps the one best remembered today was the *"Henry M. Stanley"*, but there were the *"St. Lawrence"*, the *"Sydney"*, the *"R. W. Skillinger"*, and the *"Hudson"* Numbers 1, 2, and 3, also.

Captain Flesher for a time owned the old sawmill and boat yard at the little village of Antiquity, in Meigs County, Ohio, but soon purchased an interest in the boat yard at Murraysville, West Virginia where, as we have seen, he became one of the foremost boat builders of the Ohio valley.

It is interesting to learn that as a youth, and at the same time at which he entered upon his professional career, he also entered a religious career which doubtless brought him more comfort if not more prosperity than any of his other activities.

Joined M. E. Church

At that time, at the age of 16, he joined the Methodist Episcopal church and during all his days is said to have lived an exemplary life. We have already noted how he kept his boat-yard and vicinity free from the baleful influence of intoxicating liquor.

But he was not only a good disciplinarian in this respect as well as others but he set a good example himself as being very temperate in all things, apparently. It is said by those competent to speak on the subject that Captain A. J. Flesher never used tobacco in any form and during his whole long life he was never heard to utter a profane word of any kind. In fact he is said to have expressed himself thus forceably (sic) on this subject: *"No one who had one jot of respect for themselves or their God would use His name profanely."* It is no wonder that he was so widely honored and respected.

As may have been suspected, Captain A. J. Flesher soon became prosperous and, at one time, is said to have had \$110,000 in cash in the bank. The great Ohio river flood of the year 1884 swept away a large part of his wealth, but he accepted it with Christian resignation saying that Providence intended it that way and that there was no use for him to worry over it. He was always generous with what ever worldly goods he possessed and for a period of 20 years or more he was practically the sole supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church at Murraysville, West Virginia.

Captain Flesher having had no advantages of an early education himself, nevertheless realized the value of such advantages and schools being few and far between at that period, he employed a teacher himself and paid him out of his own pocket and invited his neighbors to send their children to the school thus established at his own expense.

Being a man with a keen sense of humor he was able to secure a certain amount of enjoyment out of many incidents which some people might have interpreted in a vastly different spirit. For instance, he used to love to tell of a neighbor who sent his son to Mr. Flesher's school and in spite of the fact that Mr. Flesher was bearing the entire expense of the school, this man objected to certain subjects, particularly algebra, saying that he didn't want his boy taught *"al-gee-bricks"*, even if *"the Flesher boys did want such durned foolishness"*. In spite of such a discouraging attitude on the part of some of his neighbors, Captain Flesher went right on with his educational work. That his efforts were well rewarded is shown by the fact that his son, Benjamin T. Flesher, while still in his youth, received a certificate to teach in Jackson County, West Virginia. This certificate is still in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Frances Moore of Chesapeake, Ohio. Mrs. Moore must appreciate even more the note which accompanies the certificate and which reads as follows: *"This is to certify that B. T. Flesher is a person of good moral character. This April 26, 1873. A. C. Tidd"*. We shall have occasion to speak further about this son a little later in this sketch.

Captain Flesher's first wife passed away in the year 1867 and sometime later he married for his second wife Miss Sarah M. Barrett, who was a sister of Captain John Barrett.

Owned Thirty Boats

Captain Flesher owned altogether, although not all at the same time, 30 Ohio River steamers, while he built over 150 vessels for others. The first steamer he built is said

to have been the "*Lago*", while the last one he built was the "*Argand*". At one time he was the largest real estate owner in Jackson County, West Virginia, and the largest taxpayer in that county. Needless to say, he employed a large number of men.

In the year 1892, Captain Flesher moved from West Virginia to Levanna, Ohio, where he engaged in various pursuits associated with navigation and continued actively engaged in boat-building until within two years of his death which occurred on January 16 in the year 1898. Shortly before that date, he had removed to Ripley, Ohio, where he purchased the Ripley ferry boat and franchise. These he passed on to his son, Charles T. Flesher, who continued to operate the Ripley ferry. This and considerable other property was left to his widow, who survived him. He was also survived by 12 children, he having had altogether by both his marriages 14 children, and by 34 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. So there seems little likelihood that this distinguished family will become extinct for many generations to come. After funeral services in the Methodist Episcopal church at Ripley, the remains of Captain Flesher were laid to rest in Maplewood cemetery, nearby.

A brief quotation from a tribute to Captain Flesher, signed by A. C. Tidd and G. T. Douglas, two leading citizens of Murraysville, West Virginia, is worthy of consideration here. Said these old friends and neighbors of the captain:

Tribute From Friends

"A more agreeable and accommodating neighbor was nowhere to be found. As a business man he was exceedingly energetic, and persevering in all matters of business; and few men along the Ohio river have transacted more business during the past 30 years, or given employment to more poor people, or proved themselves a greater benefit to their neighbors than Mr. Flesher. And while naturally inclined to be talkative and jovial, he seldom ever spoke a harmful word against any neighbor, whether friend or enemy.

We have had many settlements of book accounts with him, and always found his books and all his accounts correctly and honestly kept. May his memory ever be cherished in the hearts of many friends. Peace to his ashes."

While it would be interesting to follow the careers of all of Captain Flesher's children, we shall have time and space to consider but one briefly. We shall consider Captain B. T. Flesher briefly for two reasons, first because he followed so closely in the footsteps of his father and second he lived so long and rendered to great a service to the public in this immediate section of the country.

Benjamin T. Flesher was born 79 years ago, in what was then Jackson County, Virginia, but is now Jackson County, West Virginia. He was educated chiefly in the school established and maintained by his own father and which we have already discussed. His certificate to teach school was secured, however, not because he had planned to enter the teaching profession but for a far different reason.

Bennie, as he was called, was in love with a young lady of Murraysville, so the story goes, but soon learned that he had competition in his campaign for her hand. One evening when he "*went sparkin'*" as he loved to say when relating the story years

afterward, he found the fair maiden deeply engaged with his rival studying for the teachers' examination which was scheduled to be held the very next day. The two boys, it appears, were not especially friendly to each other and, in fact, before the evening was over their conversation led to an argument and, perhaps, some bitter words on both sides.

The girl probably did not have as much feeling in the matter as the boys did, of perhaps she wished to choose wisely and knew of no better way to than to choose intelligently - that is if intelligent choice meant the choice of the one displaying the most intelligence in "book learning". At any rate, she settled the argument by saying that she would favor the suit of the one who should make the best grade in the examination to be held the following day.

Up to that time young Bennie Flesher had no intention of taking the test, but he immediately accepted the challenge, departed for home and burned the midnight oil while he probably indulged in an orgie (sic) of "cramming" which would have put to shame the most adept college laggard who tries to do a term's work in one night.

Fortune smiled on him, for he not only passed the examination with flying colors, but had the satisfaction of seeing his rival fail to pass.

During his young manhood he entered the business his father had been in so long and opened up business for himself at Middleport, Ohio. There he built boats and operated a ferry for some time. About 30 years ago he established himself in the ferry business at Huntington, West Virginia, beginning the operation of a ferry at the foot of Tenth Street and running between there and the old Frampton Landing, or Rockwood Landing at Rockwood, Ohio, which is now a part of Chesapeake.

As Captain Flesher entered business here just as the city of Huntington was entering upon a period of remarkable expansion and prosperity, he quite naturally prospered also. Moreover this prosperity spread to the little Ohio village and soon the ferry between the two places became an important means of travel and transportation. It rendered an important service to both Huntington and Chesapeake.

In order to serve those growing communities better, Captain Flesher organized the Huntington-Chesapeake Ferry Company and improved the service in many ways. At the time of his death, which occurred on the 23rd day of January in the year 1928, this company was operating three ferry boats, viz. the City of Huntington 2, the Helen and the Linda Lee.

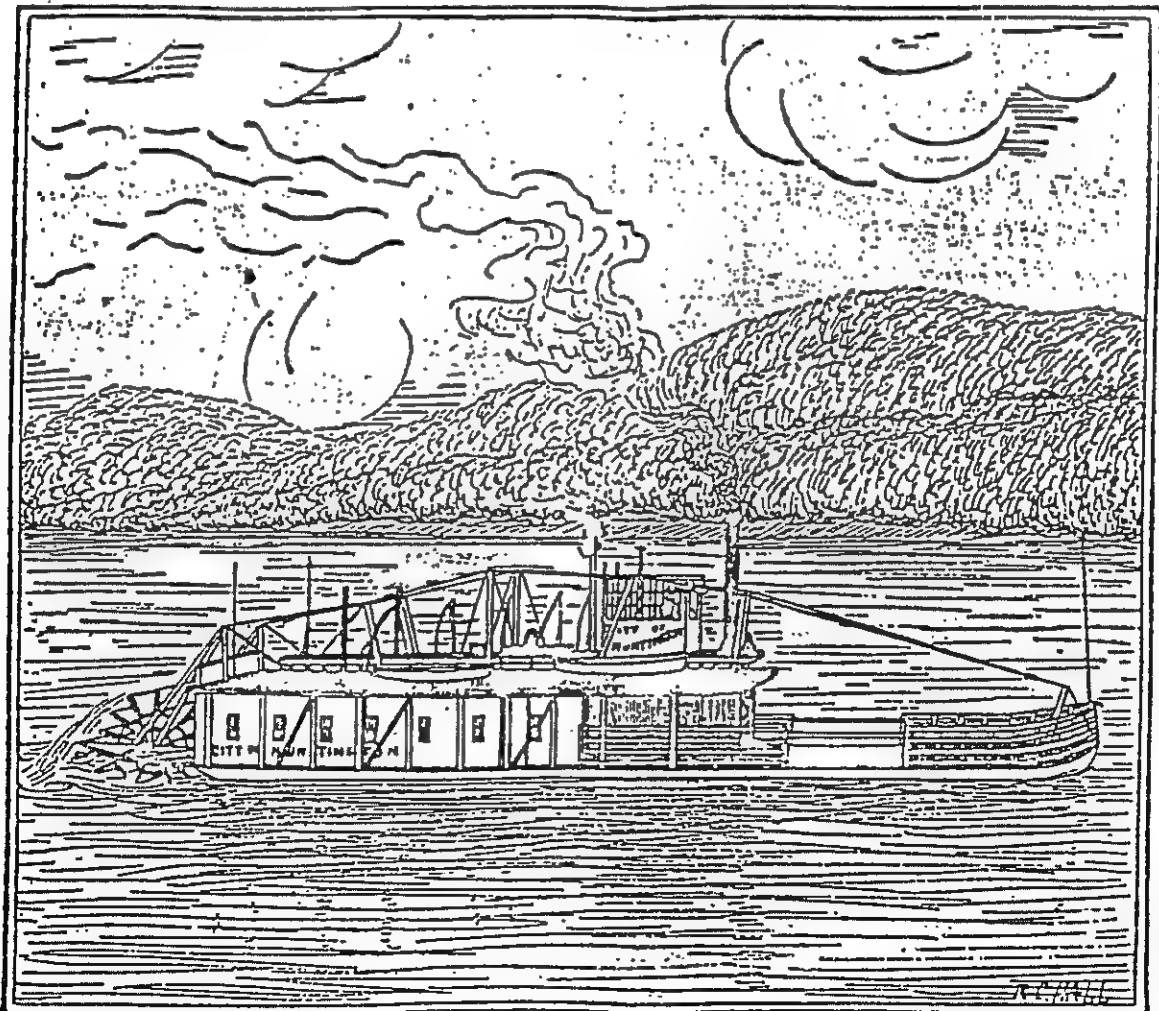
Thirteen years earlier, Captain Flesher had taken up his residence in Huntington where he became a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and several fraternal orders. He was survived by his son, O. H. Flesher, of Huntington, and four daughters, Mrs. Charles Rathburn of Middleport, Ohio, Mrs. Austin V. Wood of Wheeling, West Virginia, Mrs. Robert L. Hamilton of Chesapeake, Ohio, and Mrs. W. T. Moore, with whom he made his home in his latter years, but who now resides at Chesapeake, Ohio, also.

Keep Tradition Alive

It is interesting to know that Mrs. Moore and her husband still keep alive the Flesher traditional love of the river and patriotic service to the public. In spite of the fact that river traffic has had to yield much in recent years to more modern and convenient means of travel and transportation, especially in the ferry business, the Huntington-Chesapeake ferry is one of the few along the Ohio that still maintains its regular schedule. This is done, perhaps, more because of a love of the work and a desire to accommodate old friends than as a strictly business proposition. Mrs. Moore is also active in the social and political life of southern Ohio, being a leader in many women's organizations and in the Republican party organization of Lawrence County, Ohio.

The Herald-Advertiser, June 3, 1934

FERRY OPERATED FROM HUNTINGTON FOR 25 YEARS



The steamer, "City of Huntington," was owned and operated as the Tenth street Ferry at Huntington, by Captain B. T. Flesher for 25 years; recently it has been replaced by a smaller boat operated by R. L. Hamilton, son-in-law of Captain Flesher.

The Flesher family in America offers an interesting study in the comparative influence of environment and heredity. Students of both schools can find in such a study ample evidence to substantiate their claims, all of which provide to the unbiased student that individual character is largely determined by both heredity and environment. For instance in the family that we have been considering, there is a constant recurrence in almost if not quite every member of each generation of the characteristics of religious and moral character, public service, either military or civil or both, and an ability to conquer obstacles which would have defeated many others. These characteristics appear today as strong, perhaps, in the members of the family of this generation as they did in those of the family of Peter Flesher when he first set foot on the soil of America over 180 years ago. All this is well calculated to make the enthusiast for heredity stand up and shout "*blood will tell*".

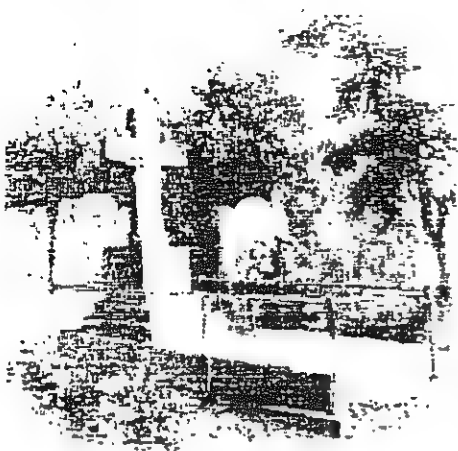
But wait a minute. There appears no proof whatever that any member of the family was especially devoted to "*old Man River*" prior to the time that one of its members came to live on Goose Island in the Ohio river. But from then on, practically every member of this branch of the family was born and raised in the atmosphere of river people, trained in the knowledge and lore of the beautiful river and practically every one of them has always since been an enthusiast for all that is best and noble in live on and along the river. Certainly this scores a point of equal value for the proponents of environment.

But to come down from the realm of speculation to that of more practical things. Practically speaking, the importance of any family in the history of the community depends largely on the part it played in that history. In this respect we have seen that the Flesher family has always been an important one. From the foregoing facts it is easy to see that there is hardly a community along the river from Wheeling, West Virginia to Cincinnati, Ohio that has not benefited by the work of members of this family either directly, by ferry and other steamboat service, or indirectly by the many boats they constructed and put into service on this section of the Ohio river. May their descendants long continue to emulate their example.

A copy of this article was given to my father years ago. He passed it on to me; I have no idea of the source, except that it originally appeared in the Huntington, WV Herald-Advertiser on June 3, 1934. I have reproduced it here with absolutely no ownership in the hope it will be interesting to others.

Should someone have additional information about the FLESHER surname, please contact me. Larry G. Flesher, 86 Woodland Lakes, Sullivan, MO 63080, 573-468-5763, e-mail

Folk Cure -Horseradish is used in the treatment of rheumatism, paralysis, dropsy, hoarseness, and is applied to the tooth for toothache. It is sometimes rubbed on the forehead for headache.



Dear HCPD Members:

As Cemetery Records Chairperson I would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers who helped read cemeteries and made it possible to put them in book form. Without you it would have been impossible to have located many the old cemeteries, let alone get them read. It has been an experience which we have enjoyed and learned from. It took many rough walks up hillsides, through briers and poison ivy, getting down on all fours and crawling back under brush etc. to get to a stone and read what was inscribed on it. And it took some time to decipher many stones due to weathering which had removed some of the markings. In reading the bigger cemeteries it was a different sort of task. In many it was impossible to determine the rows, so we did the best we could to read them in rows to keep families together. Many of the graves were in family plots, and it was hard to determine where and who belonged in each one. Sometimes there are big monuments with a last name and each person buried in the plot has a marker with just a first name, which makes it hard to be sure if they really have the same last name as on the big stone.

So thank you all for all the love and hard work you put into this project.

We have another book almost ready with various cemeteries which include some in Webster & Braxton Counties. There will also be a listing of corrections in this book. So if anyone has any corrections or additions to make, please send them to us as soon as you can.

If anyone has a reading of the Henry Cemetery or the Freeman Cemetery, we would really appreciate it if you would let us use the readings for our last book.

We trust those of you who have purchased books of Lewis Co. cemeteries have found your long forgotten or lost ancestors. That is what this project was all about and makes all the work worthwhile.

I have enjoyed being your cemetery chairperson and thank you all for your assistance and support.

Your cousin,
Matha Byrd

The New LIBRARY OF VA Opening

The Library of Virginia will reopen to the public on Friday, January 3, at 9:00 a.m. Our new hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The parking deck vehicle entrances are located on 8th and 9th Streets just south of Marshall Street in the block between Marshall and Broad Streets. Please note that both of these streets are one-way, so plan accordingly.

After you enter the parking deck, you will proceed a short distance, then turn right or left into the center of the deck, depending upon which entrance you used. There is a parking attendant in a booth in this area.

You will take a ticket from the dispenser. Proceed through the gate and park on the B1 level, which is the level you are on when you enter the deck. The ticket will be validated by Library staff at the Circulation Desk on the Second Floor.

After you park, proceed to the elevator at the south end of the deck (Broad Street side) to reach the Library's lobby. From the lobby, you may take the main staircase or proceed toward your left to reach the elevators.

Location: 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Parking: Two levels of underground parking -- 214 spaces -- 97 available (free of charge) to patrons

Conference Room: Seating for 257 with three break-out rooms

Exhibits: 1,200 square-foot exhibition area located in the back of the main lobby; *The Common Wealth:* Treasures of the Library of Virginia will be the inaugural exhibition. This area allows the Library to showcase many of the rare materials and artifacts found in the Library's collections.

Collections: In the new building, more than 45,000 volumes of the Library's approximately 700,000 volume collection are available in the main reading room for patron use. This compares with 10,000 items available in the reading rooms in the old building.

There are special reading rooms for maps, government documents, special collections and rare books, and a room set aside for works by Virginia authors.

Stacks: There are two floors of closed stacks -- each containing 65,000 square feet, each equal to two football fields placed side by side.

Building: The building is 316,500 square feet, equal to 10 acres, in addition to the two parking decks. On the exterior, the first floor covering is granite; the second through fourth floor is covered in limestone; the top floor is clad in metal and glass panels. Elizabeth Roderick, email: (eroderic@leo.vsla.edu), Assistant Director, Library Development, voice (804) 692-3761 and Networking Division, fax (804) 692-3771, The Library of Virginia, 800 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

FORT LAURENS, OHIO

Soldiers Who Were At The Fort

Published in "Tree Climber", Stark County Chapter OGS, October 1966

Source: Kathy Fernandez, Director of Fort Laurens Museum

While the main action of the Revolution swirled along the Atlantic seaboard, Ohio was a no man's land between the Colonists' Fort Pitt and the British Fort Detroit. A campaign to neutralize Detroit and win the Allegiance of the Indians in Ohio was instigated by General Washington in 1778, and in the fall of that year Fort Laurens was erected on the banks of the Tuscarawas River as the planned first step to secure the western frontier. But fortunes of war, logistics and supplies, to say nothing of reconsiderations by the higher command doomed the venture to failure. Fort Laurens remains the deepest -- indeed the only -- Revolutionary War Military Settlement in what is now the State of Ohio.

The above was taken from the dust jacket of the book Fort Laurens, 1778-79: The Revolutionary War in Ohio, by Thomas I Peiper and James B. Gidney, Kent State University Press, 1976.

Adkins, Pvt., killed
 Aldridge, John Simpson, 9th VA
 Aldridge, William, Pvt. Capt. Benton's
 Co.
 Alexander, Joseph, Lt.
 Alexander, William, Pvt.
 Aller, Conrad
 Amberson, William, Major, Adj. to
 McIntosh
 Applegate, Garrett, Pvt.
 Argubright, Jacob, VA Militia
 Armstrong, Henry, VA Militia
 Ashcraft, Amos, VA Militia
 Aspie, John, Sgt. Light Dragoon
 Bacon, John, Pvt., 8th Pa
 Bailey, William, VA Militia
 Bates, Ephraim, Sgt., VA Militia,
 Butcher
 Bayard, Steve, Lt. Col. 8th Pa
 Beall, Robert, Capt. 13th VA
 Bedel, Francis, Capt. Militia
 Beeler, Joseph, Col. Washington Co
 Militia
 Beesly, Isaac, 13th VA
 Berry, William, VA Militia

Berwick, James
 Biggs, Benjamin, Capt. 13th VA
 Biggs, John, Lt.
 Blakeney, William, Capt, PA Militia
 Boatman, William
 Boggs, John, Capt.
 Bowyer, John, Lt. Col. Stephenson's VA
 Riflemen
 Bozzell, Rueben
 Bradley, Thomas, Corp, 8th PA
 Brady, Samuel, Capt, 8th PA
 Brake, John
 Brenton, James
 Brenton, John
 Brenton, Robert
 Brittle, Thomas, Pvt., killed
 Broadhead, Daniel, Col. 8th PA
 Brown, James
 Bruce, William, Lt. Militia
 Buchanon, John
 Bull, Joseph, Berkeley Co., VA Militia
 Burkam, Stephen
 Burkhart, Henry
 Byerly, Jacob, 13th VA
 Cailes, John, Stephenson's VA Militia

Cambray Digny, Chevalier DE, Col.
Engineer
Campbell, Alexander, Independent
Rangers
Campbell, Richard, Lt. Col. PA
Canady, Robert, Lt. Berkeley Co. VA
Militia
Cantwell, Thomas, Monogalia Militia
Carnel, David
Carney, William, Ensign, Berkeley Co.,
VA Militia
Carroll, David
Carter, Arnold., Rockingham Co., VA
Militia
Carter, Barnabas, 9th VA
Carter, William, Greenbriar Co., VA
Militia
Caseber, Johathan (sic)
Caskasus, John, Berkeley Co., VA Militia
Clark, John, Capt. 8th PA
Clark, John, Ensign, killed
Cleavand, William, Pvt. killed
Clinkenbeard, Isaac VA Militia
Clinkenbeard, William, VA Militia
Cook, Thomas, Capt. 8th PA
Cooper, Joseph, Pvt. 8th PA
Corn, George, VA Militia
Cravens, Robert, Capt. VA Militia
Crawford, William, 13th VA
Critchfield, William, Rockingham Co.,
VA Militia
Cross, Capt.
Crownover, William
Cunningham, Robert, Lt. VA Militia
Cuppy, John, VA Militia
Davenport, Antony, Berkeley Co., VA
Militia
Davis, Eli
Davis, Richard, 13th VA
Deck, Michael, VA Militia
Dent, John, Capt. 13th VA
Dey, Samuel, VA Militia
Dickerson, Thomas
Dorton, Henry, PA Militia
Dunlap, Andrew, Sgt. killed
Dunlavy, Francis, PA Militia
Elibit, Rueben, Berkeley Co., VA Militia

Ellis, Jesse
Embly, John, Militia
Evans, John, VA Militia
Evins, Charles, Pvt. killed
Eylelr, Jonas, Pvt., 8th PA
Finley, John, 8th PA
Finley, Joseph, Capt. 8th PA
Foard, Capt. PA Militia
Forbes, Hugh, 8th PA
Foreakers, James, Berkeley Co., VA
Militia
Fox, Henry, 13th VA
Fox, John, 13th VA, taken prisoner
Frederick, Jacob, 13th VA
Gaddis, Thomas, VA Militia
Gapen, Stephen
Gibbs, William W. VA
Gibson, John, Col. 13th VA
Commander of Fort Laurens
Gibson, William, Pvt. killed
Gillum, Johathan, Militia
Golding, William
Graham, Alexander, Major
Hardin, John, 8th PA
Harding, Thomas
Harper, Joseph, Berkeley Co. VA Militia
Harrison, Benjamin, Lt. Col.
Harrison, William, Major
Haught, Peter, VA Militia
Haymaker, Jacob, Carpenter Supv.
Hays, Timothy, Pvt. killed
Henderson, James, Maj. Greenbriar Co.
VA Militia
Hinton, James, Berkeley Co., VA Militia
Hite, Abram, Hampshire Co. VA Militia
Hite, Isaac, Hampshire Co. VA Militia
Holstone, George, Pvt. 8th PA
Jarrett, William, Corp. 8th PA
Johnson, Abraham, Capt.
Johnston, John, Berkeley Co., VA Militia
Jolly, Henry, 8th PA
Jones, Taken Prisoner
Justice,
Lamb, Peter, 8th PA
Lee, William, Sgt. 8th PA
Leet, Daniel, Maj.
Lewis, John

- Lincoln, Abraham, Capt. Rockingham Co., VA, Butcher, Grandfather of President Lincoln.
- Littell, James
- Long, Gideon
- Low, Nicholas, Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Lucas, John, Militia
- Lyles, John, Capt., Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Lynch, Jacob
- Mahan, James, Pvt. 13th VA
- Mallow, Henry, Rockingham Co. VA Militia
- Manby, John
- Martin, Paul, Pvt. 8th PA
- McBridge, Stephen
- McCormick, William, Sgt. Independent Rangers
- McCoy, Alexander, 8th PA
- McCrea, John, Capt., VA Militia
- McCurden, Hugh, Pvt. killed
- McDermot, Joseph, Militia
- McFarland, Capt.
- McGregor, John, Pvt. 8th PA
- McWilliams, William, carpenter
- Miller, George, Pvt. 8th PA
- Miller, Isaac, Capt.
- Mills, Benjamin, Capt. Light Dragoon
- Mills, John, Ens 13th VA
- Morgan, Benjamin, Berkeley Co VA Militia
- Morgan, Zackquill
- Morrison, James, 8th PA
- Morrow, John, Col. Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Nash, John 13th VA killed
- Ogle, Joseph, Capt. Militia
- Orange, Jacob, Berkeley Co., VA Militia
- Osburn, George, Pvt., 9th VA killed
- Parchment, Peter, 13th VA
- Parker, James
- Parks, James, Lt., 13th VA, killed on journey to Fort site
- Parsons, Baldwin, Ens. VA Militia
- Parsons, James, Capt. VA Militia
- Pierce, Isaac, Stephenson's VA Riflemen
- Piles, Zachariah
- Pinkerton, Robert, Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Polen, William, Berkeley Co., VA Militia
- Pollock, Thomas, Lt.
- Prather, Basil, Capt. 8th PA
- Purgett, Henry.
- Reed, Joshua
- Renkin, Hepkin, Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Richards, John
- Robins, Obediah
- Robinson, David, Ens.
- Rose, Ezekiel
- Ross, David, 13th VA, killed on journey to fort site
- Ryan, John,
- Safley, Henry
- Sample, Samuel., Asst. Quartermaster
- Schoolcraft, John, Spy
- Scott, David, Capt. 13th VA
- Scott, George, Maj. Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Shannon, George
- Sheets, George, Augusta Co. VA Militia
- Shores, Greenburg, Pvt. killed
- Simmons, Peter, Pvt. killed
- Simmons, William, Pvt. killed
- Smith, John III, Pvt. 8th PA, killed
- Snowden, David, Berkeley Co. VA Militia
- Sommerville, William, Capt.
- Springer, Levi, Maj. Militia
- Springer, Uriah, Capt., 13th VA
- Squires, Henry, 13th VA
- Steel, David, Capt. 13th VA
- Stephenson, John, Col. Stephenson's VA Riflemen
- Sturges, Miner
- Sturges, Peter
- Sullivan, James, Capt. VA Militia
- Swearingen, Josiah, Capt. Berkeley Co., VA Militia
- Taylor, George
- Taylor, Richard, Maj. 13th VA, Father of President Zackary Taylor
- Taylor, Samuel, Capt. killed
- Teter, Samuel or George, Lt. VA Militia

Thralls, Richard
 Vance, Samuel, Lt. VA
 Vanmeter, Joseph, Maj.
 Vernon, Frederick, Maj. 13th VA,
 Commander of Fort Laurens
 Waggoner, John VA
 Waller, Jesse, VA
 White, Abraham, Militia
 White, Jacob, Stephenson's VA
 Riflemen
 White, John
 Wiggans, Archibald, Capt. Rockingham
 Co. VA Militia
 Wilkie, Edward, Pvt., 8th PA
 Williams, Alexander

Williams, Jeremiah
 Williamson, David
 Williamson, Eleazer, Capt., Militia
 Woodman, Light Dragoon
 Workman, Hugh
 Workman, James
 Wyatt, Thomas, Ens, 8th PA
 Wysong, Feidt
 Wysong, Jacob

Note: Refer to HCJ, Vol. II, Issue 3 & 4, p. 177 for more info on these soldiers and Fort Laurens, OH Campaign.

Herbert U. Peterson

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Weston: Herbert Upton Peterson, 97, of Rt. 1, Jane Lew, died at 1:15 pm, Saturday, Nov. 9 at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Weston, following an extended illness.

He was born in Lewis County, a son of the late James B. Peterson and Columbia Corathers Peterson.

On Sept. 1, 1938, he married the former Dorothy McVay, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, James Lowell Peterson, Glenville; two grandson, David Edward and Phillip Karl Peterson; five great-grandchildren and one brother, Erlo Peterson, Buckhannon.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ancil, Cecil and Brooks Peterson, and one sister, Rita Linger.

Mr. Peterson retired from the Lewis County Board of Education with 45 years as a teacher. He was a graduate of Glenville Normal College with the class of 1938.

He was a member of the National Teachers Association, Lewis County Retired Teachers Association, WVEA, and was active in the Methodist Men's Association of St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Weston.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm today at Boyle Funeral Home in Weston. The funeral service will be held at 11 am on Monday at the funeral home chapel with Rev. Dr. Joseph Shreve officiating. Interment will follow in the Peterson Cemetery.

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

An Old Citizen Relates an
Interesting Story of the Town and
Recalls Many Incidents and Events
of By Gone Happy Days

Weston Democrat, February 13, 1892

TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

Written for The Democrat.

It will be remembered by those who are familiar with the history of Virginia, prior to the year 1852, that the County Court of each county appointed its own members; as one would drop out, resign, or leave the county, they would appoint some one to fill his place. And to their credit be it said that in making their selection they would take the best material the District for which they were appointed afforded. The result was that the County Court was composed of a set of men of sound judgment, correct principles and a determination to do for the greatest number the greatest good. After they were appointed they were commissioned by the Governor of the State. They elected their own Clerk and their Assessors. The term for which the Clerk was elected was four years, and the Assessors for two years. All the compensation they received

for their services was the Sheriffalty for two years, as it came their turn --the oldest Justice having priority and so on. At the time when their turn came they were all incapacitated by age and infirmity to transact the business, and were compelled to sell out to some younger man who would pay them a nominal sum and do the business as their deputy. At this time the County Court of Lewis county was composed of Jacob Lorentz, Sr., Weeden Hoffman, Abraham Reger, William McKinley, James M. Camp, Simon Rohrbough, William Powers, Minter Bailey, Alexander S. Withers, Elijah Flesher and a Mr. Jones and Cunningham, whose given names I do not now recall. 'Squire Jacob Lorentz resided on the Waters of Buckhannon River, in what is now Upshur county. He conducted a country store and a large farm. He was of German descent; in height, six feet, five inches; weighed some two hundred pounds; a man of fine appearance and of a well-balanced mind -a great reader and thinker. He kept an eye on the welfare and expenditures of the county. He was the only Justice of the County that ever became Sheriff twice. A fine Justice and an honest man, he accumulated a large fortune and raised a large family of sons and daughters.

'Squire Reger was a farmer, -a man of fine natural ability, and was very watchful and careful to see that the Treasury of the

County was properly managed. He also raised a large family of children and lived to a ripe old age.

'Squire McKinley resided in Weston and was one of the first settlers. He was a man of great energy and perseverance, with considerable legal attainments. Mr. McKinley was a man of fine appearance and of an indomitable will. He was a good and impartial Justice.

'Squire James M. Camp was a resident of the town and lived on the corner where the lofty and imposing new McDonnell Hotel now stands. He was considerably advanced in life and was one of the leading citizens of Weston, possessing all of the characteristics and qualifications of an old Virginia gentleman. He took great pride in transacting the business of the Justice, both as a member of the Court and in the trial of civil cases. He was very fluent in speech and was well informed in matters pertaining to the county, and was at one time the owner of a large quantity of land. I think he transacted more business than all the rest of the Justice's in the town. He was a widower and one of the most gallant gentlemen among the ladies.

'Squire William Powers resided on Hacker's Creek, one-half a mile above the village of Jane Lew. He was a very old man, being one of the first settlers of the county. In point of education and general information, he was largely

in advance of his neighbors -- a very systematic man and a close observer of events. He could give more general information of the early settlement of the county than any other man of his day. He kept a diary of all the most important events that transpired from his youth up, and I was informed that he furnished a great deal of the matter that was embodied in the history of the border wars with the Indians. He owned a large and productive farm and raised a large family. He did not take any part in the business affairs of the county, except on special occasions, on account of his advanced age.

'Squire Alexander S. Withers was an Eastern Virginia man, having moved to this section of the country some few years prior to 1844, and resided in the town in the Arnold brick house on the corner of First and Centre streets. He was the largest slave holder in the county, owning ten or twelve slaves. He was well advanced in years -- a man of scholarly attainments and possessed quite a literary reputation, having written and published a history on Border Warfare. In size he was large and portly, possessing a fund of useful knowledge. As a Justice, he was fearless, independent and decided. He raised quite a family of sons and daughters of whom I will have much to say during the progress of these sketches.

'Squire Elijah Flesher, the fine looking and ingenious

blacksmith, had moved from the town early in the spring of 1844 to a home he had purchased on Polk Creek, one mile west of the town, where he erected a large frame dwelling and a large smithy, in which he carried on his business of making axes, grubbing hoes -- two articles in great demand at that day; and I venture the assertion that his equal in that branch of mechanism could not be found in the county. His reputation extended far and wide in physical powers. A man of common education, such as the country afforded in the days of his youth; a man of correct principles, sound judgment and a heart full of milk of human kindness; a man of highly appreciated not only for his good workmanship, but for his noble and generous impulses. He was a good Justice, doing unto other as he would others should do unto him; a good neighbor, a kind husband and father and a respected citizen.

The County Court transacted the police and fiscal business of the county, held preliminary examinations in felony and misdemeanor cases and had jurisdiction in civil cases to the amount of twenty dollars.

SHERIFFS

I shall now try to give a short sketch of the Sheriffs of that early day. They were the following named persons: David Bennett, James Bennett, Stuart Bennett,

George J. Arnold, and William E. Arnold. It will be remembered that the Sheriffs of that day had a vast territory of country to ride over and it required a goodly number of them. David Bennett resided on French Creek, (now Upshur county) and was a farmer by occupation, owning a large farm of very fine and productive land. He was a man of some fifty or sixty years of age -- a very moral and religious man, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a correct business man and had no difficulty in settling up his business when his term of office expired. He made friends wherever he went; was kind and charitable, and no man ever approached him in distress and went on his way empty. In politics, Mr. Bennett was a sound Democrat.

Steward Bennett was the son of David Bennett and a young man in the prime of life, of fine business qualifications and somewhat better educated than a majority of the young men of that day. He acquitted himself well as a Sheriff.

James Bennett resided in the town -- was about 45 years of age and possessed of fine physical qualities and was endowed with superior intellectual abilities, as well as a fine legal mind. He was unsurpassed in business qualifications. As a friend, he was firm and true; and made an excellent Sheriff. I will have more to say of Mr. Bennett further along.

George J. Arnold was somewhere between twenty-five and thirty years of age at the time to which I refer and was in rather bad health. Consequently he did not do much riding as Sheriff. He attended mainly to the business of the office. Under the Constitution of Virginia, prior to 1852, there was no exemption clause, and an officer could levy under an execution on any property he could find --even to the last bed a poor man had, and sell it for debt. The only exemption then was when a man knew that an execution had been issued he could keep his door well barred and his window down, as the Sheriff could not, according to law, hoist the latch or raise the window and enter the house to make a levy, but the last cow or pig or other property could be taken and had to go. I once heard a constable say that he had on one occasion swam his horse across the river where a woman was washing and levied on a large iron kettle in which she was heating the water, and took it up before him on his horse, re-crossed the river and

brought it to town. They also imprisoned men in the county jail for debt under the old *Casa law*; and unless their friends came to their rescue and paid the debt, they had to languish in the prison or take the oath of insolvency. They could only do that by making a full surrender of everything in the shape of property and money. I witnessed an operation of that kind. An old man was arrested in what is now Upshur county and brought here and locked up in the jail. On the second day of his imprisonment he notified the authorities that he desired to take the oath, as he owned nothing and wanted to get back home. 'Squire Minter Bailey went to the Court House, had the man brought before him and administered the oath. It covered some three or four pages of the Code, every word of which he had to repeat after the Justice. The prisoner was then released.

An Old Citizen

to be continued.
Geo. Oliver Papers

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TWO HCPD MEMBERS DIE

HCPD is saddened by the lose of two long-time members. Flodia Romine Smith Hitt of Martinsburg was a charter member. William H. Smith of Clarksburg was one year short of being a charter member having joined in 1983. He served as HCPD treasurer for less than a month in 1991 when illness forced his resignation.

Flodia Romine Smith Hitt, 100, of Martinsburg, formerly of Jane Lew, died Thursday, December 5, 1996, at City Hospital.

She was born September 26, 1896, in Lewis County, a daughter of the late Henry and Aura Oldaker Romine.

She was preceded in death by both her first husband, Dess Smith, and her second husband, Carson Hitt.

Surviving are two daughters, Olive Smith Bell and Billie Smith McKinney, both of Martinsburg; three grandchildren, Richard Bell, Kent McKinney, and Linda Bell Brown; and one great-granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth McKinney.

Mrs. Hitt was a member of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a past-member of Trans-Allegheny Chapter, DAR, in Weston; a charter member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants; Good Hope Chapter 109, Order of the Eastern Star; and the First United Methodist Church in Jane Lew.

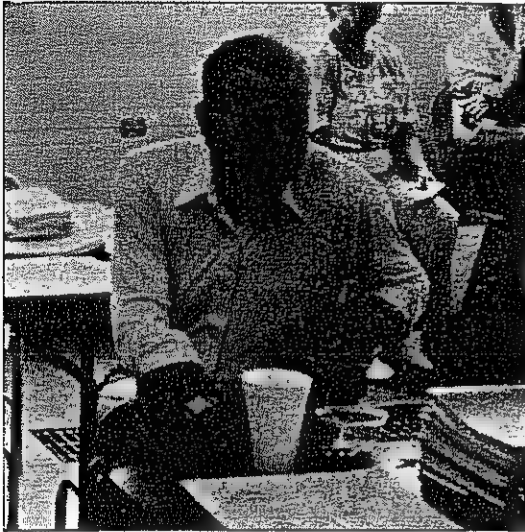
A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 8, at Morris Funeral Home in Jane Lew, with Rev. Ronald C. Brown officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview IOOF Friendship Cemetery.

When Flodia's passing was announced to HCPD members on the Internet, several who had known her all of their lives shared stories of her with the other members. Okey Paul Corley and Darrell Warner both had special memories of her from their childhood; and, other members who attended the 1986 Gathering will remember this incident. Many of our members have very special memories of Flodia. The gathering just happened to fall very near her 90th birthday. Joy Gilchrist announced that it was Flodia's birthday and invited everyone to join in singing Happy Birthday. Flodia, thinking it was Raydine Teicheira who "told on her" picked up her umbrella and bonked Raydine over the head.

Flodia was very proud of her descendency from some of Central West Virginia's pioneer families. In later years, she insisted that she was coming to

the Gatherings but her health would not permit it; she was an avid reader of each and every Journal.

William H. Smith Dies at 71; Past VFW Commander



William Hood Smith, 71, of 319 Simpson St., Clarksburg, well-known veteran's organization leader, died at 11:36 a.m. Wednesday, January 1, in the Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center.

He was born in Clarksburg on May 7, 1925, a son of the late Harry Smith and Freda Backus Smith.

Surviving are his wife Laura Bell Farnsworth Smith, whom he married March 1, 1974; two sons, Christopher Smith, Nutter Fort, and William H. Smith II, serving in the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, VA; four daughters, Pamela Prince, Hepzibah, Elaine Foust, Good Hope, Judith Huntermark, Clarksburg, and Karen Aranda at home; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by two sons, Michael Smith and Charles Smith.

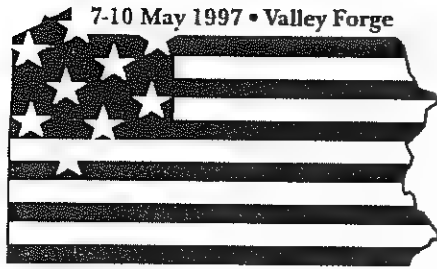
Mr. Smith was a member of Duff Street U.M. Church, he was a member and past commander of Meuse Argonne Post 573, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and past commander of the state department of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was also a member of Roy E. Parrish Post 13, American Legion, and the Military Order of the Cooties.

He was a member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and the Stonewall Jackson Coin Club. Mr. Smith was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was retired electrician and a member of local 596, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Until he met with failing health, Bill never missed a gathering. In the days when we moved our library to the gathering site, Bill and his faithful truck were on hand to move the books.

Flodia and Bill will be remembered in the HCPD Memorial Service on August 14, 1996 and a book will be dedicated to each of them in our library.



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The 1997 national conference of Palatines to America will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on 11-13 June. Sponsored by the Indian Chapter of the theme of German genealogical research, it will be held during the city's Germanfest, and just two blocks from the excellent genealogical research collection of the Allen County Public Library.

"Weston Democrat" February 5, 1837

Dr. Kunst received word of illness of his mother in Pruntytown - she is over 80 and entirely paralyzed.

Jas. J. Peterson and wife - a girl baby born Tuesday January 25.

Churchville:

W. C. Gun and **T. H. Halterman**, two Freeman Creek gents attended music school in Troy for four months.

Berlin:

G. W. Cottrell moved from Tom Batten's place to Aberdeen last week.



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SHELF #	TITLE	DONOR
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FA 463	Ellsworth Information	Ruth Mather
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FA 466	Upper Monongahela Valley Gen. Soc.	Holmes Co. Gen. Soc.
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FA 467	Casto Cousins	Holmes Co. Gen. Soc.
BR 16	Lewis Co. KY Births	Clark Blake
CE 100	Lewis Co. KY Cemeteries Vol. 1-2-3	Patricia Villenave
CE 101	Lewis Co. KY Cemeteries Vol. 4-5-6-7-8	Patricia Villenave
CE 102	Lewis Co. KY Cemeteries Vol. 9-10-11-12-13	Patricia Villenave
CS 106	Lewis Co. KY Census 1880	Patricia Villenave
DE 32	Lewis Co. KY Deaths	Patricia Villenave
MA 68	Lewis Co. KY Marriages 1853-1878	Patricia Villenave
MA 69	Morgan Co. AL Marriages 1818-1896	
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FA 471	Dennison Family Tree (My Branch)	Betty D. Haught
FA 472	Fell Family of America Part I	Nancy Jackson
FA 472	Fell Family of America Part II	Nancy Jackson
RF 115	Ulrich Simmendinger Register of Persons From Germany to US (1)	
RF 116	Pursuit of Elusive Ancestors (1)	Irma Curtis
	Paper Conservation (2)	
	The Monongahela of Old	Irma Curtis
US 122	Troy Baptist Church	Elma J. Woofter
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WV 185	Bender Ancestors	Irma Curtis
Added to FA 1	The Childers Family	LaVonne Minn
Added to FA 1	The Haymond Family News	Patricia Villenave
FA 475	A Biography of Published Genealogy Sources	
RF 117	Records From Prince George's Co. MD	Patricia Villenave
ML 130	210 Field Artillery 1st WV	Patricia Villenave
OB 60	Lewis Co. KY Obits	Patricia Villenave

FA 500	Kentucky Ancestors	Patricia Villenave
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Added to CE 62	Barbour Co. Cemeteries Vol. II	
CS 108	Highland Co. VA 1850 Census	Hartzel Strader
FA 474	Price Pedigree	Clarence L. Price
RB	Starling of The White House	
RB	Abraham Lincoln	Irma Curtis
RB	Mary Todd Lincoln	Irma Curtis
RB	Lindburg - The Lone Eagle	Irma Curtis
RB	Mount Vernon	Irma Curtis
RB	Home Life In Colonial Days	Irma Curtis
RB	Tucker County History	Irma Curtis
RB	Pendleton County History	Irma Curtis
Added to CS 42	Braxton Co. Tax List 1836	Rollie Neal
FA 476	Pioneers In Roane County	
FA 477	Hall Family Records	Farron Hall
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CE 75	WV Cemetery Readings Cabel & Marion Co.	Harold Forbes
CH 32	Kimberly Chur-Wythe Co. VA Cemetery & Baptism Records	
CH 12A	Aurora Documents - 7 Day Baptist - Conference Notes	
Added to CH 21	Protestant Episcopal - Presbyterian WV Inventories	
CR 7	Greenbrier Co. Records Vol. 1	HCPD
CR 8	Greenbrier Co. Records Vol. 2	HCPD
LR 24	Dyers Index to VA/WV Land Grants	
LR 28	Greenbrier Co. Land Entry Book 1780-86	HCPD
MA 70	Greenbrier Co. Marriages Vol. 1 1782-1900	HCPD
MA 71	Greenbrier Co. Marriages Vol. 2 1782-1900	HCPD
MA 72	Greenbrier Co. Marriages Vol. 3 1782-1900	HCPD
	WV Blue Book 1995 Vol. 77	Joy Gilchrist
WI 8	Fairfax Co. VA Index to Wills & Fid. Records. (1782-1855)	Nancy Jackson
WI 9	Will & Estate Records VA State Library	Nancy Jackson
ML 131	Revolutionary War Land Grants	HCPD
ML 132	Colonial Soldiers - Libby Prison -4 Rev. Soldiers	
RF 51 A	Telephone Directory <i>Weston-Jane Lew</i> 1989-1990	
RF 118	Telephone Directory <i>Kingwood</i> 1981	
RF 119	Telephone Directory <i>Clarksburg</i> 1981	
RF 120	Telephone Directory <i>Fairmont</i> 1980	
RF 121	Telephone Directory <i>Allegheny Co. MD</i> 1981	
RF 122	Telephone Directory <i>New Phila Ohio</i> 1979-1980	
RF 123	Telephone Directory <i>Connellsville PA</i> 1992-1993	
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WV 190	Gov William E. Stevenson Calendar of Letters and Papers	Harold Forbes
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LO 34	Monongalia Co. History	
LO 37	Mineral Co. Towns (Keyser)	
MA 16A	Monongalia Marriages & Misc. Records	
LO 85A	History of Atlas WV (Upshur Co)	
US 123	(1) Western Border (2) Forth To The Wilderness(3) Clarks Conquest (4) Brown Co. OH History (5) Palentines (6) German Ancestors	
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FA 478	Jones/Norris Genealogy	Nancy Jackson
FA 479	Jacob Collins, Sr	Nancy Jackson
LO 45	History of Preston Co.	
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Abstracts of Monongalia Co. Newspapers		
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Added to LO 117	History of Smithburg	
Added to LO 84	Lorentz History	
CS 90	Fayette Co. 1850 Census	
DE 33	Greenbrier Co. Death Records	HCPD
JO 65	Greenbrier Co. Historical Soc. (Appalachian Springs)	HCPD
LR 34	Greenbrier Co., Deed & Will Records (D-1750-1814) (W 1777-1833)	HCPD
WI 10	Greenbrier Co. Wills 1780-1866	
WI 11	Botetourt Co. Wills 1770-1801	HCPD
VI 43	Search for Brake, Hiney, Farnsworth Cem.	
LO 54A	Ritchie Co., The Discovery of	
Added to 5C	Comparing Weston Colored School to Contemporary Schools of its Era	Susie Tredrick
Added to LO	Mill Run - The Way It Was	Susie Tredrick
AP 16	The Appalachians - My Heritage, My Home	
FA 480	Gibson and Related Families	Otis Reed
FA 481	Stackhouse (An Original PA Family)	Eugene Stackhouse
FA 482	Stackhouse Clan - Walden, Furvianne, Stackhouse History	
LO 89	Harrison Co. Misc.	
ML 133	My Experience In the Conf. Arm & Northern Prison	Martha Benson
US 125	Passages	Richard & Marion Reed
WI 12	Virginia Will Records	
RB	Abraham Lincoln, 'The Prairie Years'	Vicki Mitchell
RB	Abraham Lincoln, The War Years - Vol. 1	Vicki Mitchell

RB	Abraham Lincoln, The War Years - Vol. 2	Vicki Mitchell
	Change from JO 420 to JO 107 - Berkeley Journal	
KK 1	Amazon Parrots	
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KK 5	True Story of Smokey the Bear	Richard & Marion Reed
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KK 7	101 Thanksgiving Knock-Knock Jokes & Riddles	
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KK 10	The Battle of Bull Run	
KK 11	Civil War Heroines	
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KK 18	Stories of the American Revolution	Anna Rose Bowers
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KK 20	Thirteen Colonies History	
KK 21	Thomas Jefferson - Picture Book	Anna R. Bowers
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KK 22	Washington, Adventure for Kids	
KK 23	The Cascades	
KK 24	The Earth	
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KK 35	If You Lived in Colonial Times	Anna Rose Bowers
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KK 39	Abraham Lincoln - True Stories	Vicki Mitchell
KK 40	Abraham Lincoln - If You Grew Up With	Vicki Mitchell
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KK 42	Charley Skedaddle	Vicki Mitchell
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BR 17A	Jackson Co. Births - D - G	
BR 17B	Jackson Co. Births - H - J	
Added to BR 20	Lewis Co. Births - Vol. III 1878-1892	
DE 34	Jackson Co. Deaths - F-M	
CS 15A	Kanawha Tax List 1806-1809	Jeanne Fortney
CH 33	Germantown Reformed Church of PA	Raymond Wolfe
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OB 8	Randolph Enterprise Obituaries 1905	
WV 21	WV History Vol. 55 - 1996	Joy Gilchrist
MP	The Revolution Map SG9	Raymond Wolfe
RF 125	Handy Guide To English Genealogical Research	Raymond Wolfe
RF 126	Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals	Raymond Wolfe
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FA 487	George McLean Diary	
ML 134	Civil War In Charleston S. C.	Raymond Wolfe
ML 135	14th Reg. WV Vol. Inf. in Civil War	
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KK 45	Columbus Day	Nancy Jackson
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KK 47	The Civil War Book, Games & Puzzles	Raymond Wolfe
KK 48	The Revolutionary War Games & Puzzles	Raymond Wolfe
KK 49	Ancestor Hunting	Raymond Wolfe
KK 50	An American Pioneer Family	Raymond Wolfe
KK 51	Witching Time	Nancy Jackson
KK 52	Richard Wagner 1813-1883	Nancy Jackson
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RF 132	Your Family History -Handbook for Research	Raymond Wolfe
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The 1997 Annual Meeting will be co-sponsored by the Upshur County Historical Society and the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. Join us in central West Virginia in September 1997.

The Descendants of the Mexican War Veterans

The forgotten War With Mexico 1845-1848 will be commemorated for the second time in 150 years in 1997. This war is overshadowed by the Civil War, the various Gold Rushes of 1849 to California, etc. The result of this war is the large increase in the size of the USA and also it was the training ground for the officers of the Civil War. The Veteran Organization of the Mexican War dwindled into non-existence by 1920. In 1989 the descendants of this war organized. Henry Kenneth Bowers has become an authorized representative of this organization which honors US Veterans of this war. Henry is looking for other descendants.

For more information write: H. K. Bowers
604 Hatherleigh Rd
Baltimore, MD 21212-1651



1. I am looking for my G-G grandparent's burial place. **JOHN PULLER WALDEN**, b. 13 Sept. 1788, Richmond, Henrico Co., VA m. 10 Apr. 1833, **SOPHIA MILDRED SAUNDERS**, b. 5 Apr. 1806 VA. They lived in Barbour Co., WV from many years. He was a school teacher there. They were in Barbour Co. as late as 1859. He d. 5 Mar. 1867. She d. 12 Jul. 1871. I have no documentation for any of these dates. Where did they die? Where are they buried? Contact: **John Walden**, 719 Catalina Dr., Livermore, CA 94550-5826.

2. I am researching **HARDMAN, BONNETT, FORINASH, LAZIER, LORENTZ** and **WAGGONER** surnames in Lewis County. I would love to connect with others doing research on these lines. Contact: hx825ccleveland.freenet.edu. / **Cindy Sopko**, PO Box 110104, Cleveland, OH 44111-4436.

3. **JOHN PIERPONT HART** b ca 1789/1790 NY, m. **CHRISTINA SNYDER** b. ca 1802/1803 PA, d/o **JOHN F.** and **MARY** _____ **SNYDER**. Known children of **CHRISTINA** and **JOHN P.**; **MARY VIRGINIA** b. 14 Nov. 1821 OH; (other ch. b. Kanawha or Clay Co., VA) **AMERICA** b. ca 1823; **SELINA** b. ca 1825; **JOHN DAVID HART SR.**, b.

ca 1828 m. **MARGARET SAMPLES** (my gr-gr grandparents): **HELEN** b ca 23 Sep. 1830; Susan E. b. ca 1834; **LEWIS ARCHIMEDES** b. ca 1838 and **HARRIET** b. ca 1840.

4. I am interested in the ancestry of **CLEMENT ROMINE** (1823-1854) whose father was **BENJAMIN ROMINE** and whose mother was **LETTICE NORMAN**, including vital dates.

I am looking for the grandparents of **EMILY KENNEDY RANDOLPH** (1839-1871), whose father was **WILLIAM KENNEDY** (1805-1876) and whose mother was **ALMIRA BLAKE** (1811-1853). Contact: **RICHARD R. BOND**, 5601 18th St. #51, Greeley, CO 80634, or E-mail: rrbond@bentley.UnivNorthCo.edu.

5. **FLEMING SPROUSE**, b. ca 1822 VA; m. **ELIZA BONNETT** in 1842, Lewis Co., (W)VA. Among their children were **GEORGE**, **LUCINDA**, **MARTHA**, **LOUISA** and **WASHINGTON** who m. #1 **SOPHIA OSBORNE**, #2 **MATILDA BLACK**. Who were Fleming's parents? Contact: **D.S. MILLER**, 530 22nd St. NW, Canton, OH 44709.

6. **JACOB PRUNTY** m. **MARY MCKINNEY**, d/o **MICHAEL W. MCKINNEY**, 18 Jul. 1811 in Harrison County. Shortly thereafter. **JACOB** and **MARY** moved to what is now Ritchie County. Believe them to be the parents of **NANCY PRUNTY** who m. **JEREMIAH ROLLINS**. The Pruntys and Rollins were living next door to each other in 1850. Believe **MARY** is d/o **MICHAEL MCKINNEY** who m. **MARY TUCKER**, d/o **WILLIAM**, 28 Jun. 1790 in Harrison County. Would like to exchange info on any of these families. Contact: **JOY GILCHRIST**, H.C. 64 Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26312 or E-mail: hcpd.lewisco@westvirginia.com.

7. The surnames I am researching are **BRAKE** and **SMITH**. seeking parents of (**MARY**) **SARAH SMITH** m. Hardy Co. (W) VA to **ABRAHAM BRAKE**. Contact: **H. L. and Harriet Piper**, 2609 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308-2153.

8. **Ethel (Hammond) Nielsen**, 25 Bridgewood St., Irvine, CA 92604 seeks the following information:

WILBUR C. MORRISON, m. 9 Oct. 1890 to **PRUDENCE TITCHERAL**. Probably b. in Wilsonburg in late 1860's. Mother was **ELIZABETH MINES**, father was **ISHAM MORRISON** named editor in Dec. 1902 of Daily Telegram in Clarksburg.

ELIZABETH LOWTHER b. 1 Dec. 1806, m. **ROBERT HAMMOND** in 1824. Father was **ELIAS LOWTHER**. Children of **ELIZ** and **ROBERT** were named: **REBECCA**, **GREENBURY**, **JOHN** and **ELIAS**.

SARAH SCARFF b. 24 June 1753 Harford Co., MD, m. **SAMUEL GRIFFIN**. Searching for her parents.

9. Help please? My gr-gr grandparents were **JACOB** and **ELIZABETH (KELLER) SNIDER**, who were married bef. 1816, lived in Pendleton Co., and moved to Lewis Co., in the late 1830's. Jacob was the first tollgate keeper on the S-P Turnpike at Pickle Street, according to the Lewis County Pictorial History. I have been trying to find concrete evidence of their parentage. **JACOB** is said to have been the son of **JOHN** and **ROSELLA (ROLSCH)**

SNIDER. I have found evidence that **JOHN'S** wife may have been "**SUSANNAH**". Was **JOHN** married twice? Were **ROSELLA** and **SUSANNAH** the same person? The "John and Rosella Story" has been circulating for a long time, usually with almost the same wording. The earliest version I have seen is a family history narrative by **MAUDE (SNIDER) PRICE**, a descendant of **JACOB SNIDER'S** son **JOAB** and wife **NANCY BRANNON**, which was date-stamped by the Newberry Library in Chicago in the 1950's. Mrs. Price indicated that her sources were other descendants still alive when she was collecting information for her narrative. The most recent version of the story I have seen is on the Internet!!

ELIZABETH KELLER is said to have been the d/o **JOSEPH** and **KITTY (DELEAK) KELLER** of Cumberland, MD. Several researchers, including myself, have tried in vain to find the Keller/Kellar family in MD. There is a **JOSEPH KELLER** in VA, in the county across the river from Cumberland, MD in the early 1800s, but I have found nothing to show that **ELIZABETH** was part of that family.

Does anyone have Bible records, letters, diaries, or other public or non-public records that would substantiate or disprove the **JOHN-ROSELLA** connection or the **JOHN-SUSANNAH** connection? I would be very grateful if you would contact me, and I would be more than happy to pay any duplicating/postage costs for such information. Contact: **Eleanor Snyder Herndon**, 1321 W. Platinum, Butte, MT 59701-2125.

10. **MARGE JEFFRIES MURPHY**, 11404 330th Ave., Blue Earth, MN 56013 seeks the following:

Information and/or descendant of **MELISSA JEFFRIES** (1863-1935), d/o **GRANVILLE** and **MARY J. (BRAKE) JEFFRIES** who m. **GEORGE H. SHORT**. Children were **COY ARDEN** b. 1895; **ARLIE WAITMAN** b. 1898 and **LOUISE** or **LAURA** b. 1902. **MELISSA** d. at Cox Mills, WV.

Information and/or descendants of **MARGARET OLIVE JEFFRIES** (1873-1916) d/o **GRANVILLE** and **MARY J. (BRAKE) JEFFRIES** who m. **GEORGE B. WARD**. **MARGARET** d. at Medford, Harrison Co. WV. Children were **CECIL** b. 1904, **GLADYS** and **WADE**.

Information and/or descendants of **JAMES N. JEFFRIES** (1804-1885) and wife, **SUSAN LUCINDA JARVIS**. Children are **AMOS** b. 1859, **WILSON P.** b. 1862 m. **MARGARET J. BONNELL**, **CLARINDA ANN** b. 1864 m. **ISAAC C. HITT**, **CHARLES A.** b. 1868 m. **IDA BURKHAMMER**, **MATILDA ANN** b. 1869 m. **GEORGE E. MURPHY**, **TABITHA** b. 1872 m. **JOHN WM. C. BONNELL**, and **SARAH** b. 1876 m. **WM. JOSEPH BENNETT**. Children all born in Lewis Co.

11. **MARY A.** b. Buckingham Co., VA ca 1822 m. **WILLIAM A. TAYLOR** b. ca 1820 Buckingham Co., VA, loved in Lewis Co., 1850-60-70-80. **WILLIAM** d. 1855 Murphy's Creek, Lewis Co., (W)VA. **MARY A.** may have gone to Calhoun Co. and died there. Her daughter **MELVINA LANGFORD** moved, lived and died in Calhoun Co., (W)V. Contact: **Evelyn E. Blake**, PO Box 85, Craigsville, WV 25205.

Co., IL: In the 1850 Upshur Co. census, a sister named **CECELIA** is listed and would more than likely be the one he visited with in IL. Any information contact: **Melinda Collins Larson**, 330 W 60th Ct, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 or E-mail: MLarson101@aol.com.

13. Who were the parents of **ARNOLD RICHARDS** b. ca 1835 in 1850 Harrison Co., census w/wife **REBECCA** and family. Also, **MARTHA RICHARDS** w/son **JOSEPH** and dau. **SARAH** living nearby them. Need info and descendants of **JOHN A. RICHARDS** b. 1821, m. **LAVINIA/LAURENIA CROPP/CROSS** - one son known **AURELIUS G.**, and **William M. Richards** 1817-1899 m. **MARTHA STOUT** in 1841. Children: **JOHN W.** b. 1845, **CUMBERLAND G.** b. 1847, **MARY P.** b. 1850, **HENRY H.** b. 1852/1855-1899, **PHIPPS RICHARDS** b. ca 1816, **ROBERT RICHARDS** b. 1831. **CAROLINE RICHARDS** m. **DAVID NUTTER / STUTLER**. How is she related? **WILLIS NUTTER** m. **JULIET RICHARDS** in 1839. **ABNER RICHARDS** m. **SUSAN HUDKINS**. Any info on how the Pennsylvania Richards family relate to these.

SARAH C. COTTRILL m. **MORRIS/MAURICE WHITE**, d. in 1905 at age 58. Harrison Co., Death record says her parents were "Alexan." and **Catherine Cottrill**. I cannot locate a **CATHERINE** and **ALEXANDER COTTRILL**. Any info on Sarah's parentage would be appreciated. Contact: **Paul Pettit**, 28790 Ellis Ave., Romeland, CA 92585, E-mail: cpettit@telis.org.

14. An old query from KY Ancestors, Vol 9, 1974: **SLEETH, TARVIN** - Need birthplace of **RICHARD WHITNEY TARVIN**, b. 27 May 1849; also his wife, **MARY LOVINA (SLEETH)**, b. 18 May 1851 whose parents were **SAMUEL AND JANE (MONTGOMERY) TARVIN**. **RICHARD W.** as son first appeared in 1850 Campbell Co., KY census as 1 yr. old, son of **EDMOND** and **PARTHENA (TARVIN) TARVIN**. Any information re. **TARVIN** family will be appreciated. Will exchange information. **FAYE L. TARVIN**, 1019 Kenmore Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Does anyone have a **SLEETH-TARVIN** connection? Contact: **Lolita (Thayer) Guthrie**, 123 N. Grove St., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

Another from The Virginia Genealogist:

MCKINNEY-BULL-SLEETH-KELLY-BURROUGHS-DRAPER-TAYLOR-PARRISH. Researching **JAMES MCKINNEY**, b. ca 1770, Culpepper Co., VA; **RICHARD BULL**, b. 1744 m. **MARY TALBERT**; **JOHN SLEETH**, b. 7 Dec. 1774, **JOHN RICHARD KELLY**, b. 1809, Washington Co., VA; **JOHN BURROUGHS**, d. 1782, Fauquier Co., VA; **MARTIN DRAPER**, b. ca 1787; **THOMAS TAYLOR**, b. 1738; **JAMES PARRISH**, d. 1773, Goochland Co., VA. Submitted by **Raymond Lawrence**, Kelley College, PO Box 2182, Joplin, MO 64803. Any researchers? Contact: **Lolita (Thayer) Guthrie**, 123 N. Grove St., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

15. Where is the **CAMDEN CEMETERY** located in Lewis Co., WV? If you know, let us know? **Joy Gilchrist**, c/o HCPD, Rt. 1 Box 238, Jane Lew, WV 26378

16. I am trying to locate a book (title unknown) on **SCRUGGS** and **PIPER** by Janes Melonie Scruggs Piper. There is a copy in the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. If anyone has a copy, or knows of a library which has one, I would appreciate the information. Lastly, looking for a copy of Tidewater Virginia Families by Virginia Davies. E-mail: karenwood@del.net

17. **JAMES GRIM** and **ELIZABETH RODABAUGH** b. ca 1797, m. ca 1822, possibly in Pendleton Co. They had four children: **ALEXANDER** b. 1823, Pendleton Co., **EDWARD** b. ca 1829, **HANNAH** b. ca 1835, **MARY** b. ca 1839. A **JAMES GRIM** witnessed the will made by **JOSEPH OSBORNE** to his second wife, **MARY GRIM BRIGHT**, and recorded in Harrison Co., Bk:6, pg. 38 on 8 June 1845. **ELIZABETH GRIM** listed as head of household in the 1850 Harrison Co. Census, District 22, and then listed in subsequent Harrison Co., census records thru 1880, residing with the family of **ANDREW** and **Mary J. Light** (her daughter).

ALEXANDER GRIM and wife **AMANDA LANHAM** are written up in Comstocks, W.Va. Heritage, Upshur County, with their children and **ALEXANDER** as the Postmaster, Grim's Store. The Virginia Genealogist lists Grim's store as Post Office from 1868-78, when the name was changed to Queens, 1878-1963. **EDWARD GRIM** could possibly be the father of **DR. WILSON OSBORN GRIM** listed in Cutright's, History of Upshur County. Contact: **Arnold Grim**, 2643 Caminito Carino, LaJolla, CA 92037.

18. **DANIEL MOORE** came to Barbour Co., WV bef. 1810. He located nr. Belington on a tributary of Sugar Creek. He m. **DEBORAH POLING**. He d. in 1842 and left a will. He lists his sons and daughters as follows: **MARTIN** (abt. 1785); **RICHARD** (abt. 1787); **WILLIAM** (abt. 1789); **DANIEL** (1791); **RACHEL** (1794 - my husbands g-g-grandmother md. **BENONI HELMS**); **MARY** m. **JOSEPH CROSS**; **JOSEPH** (abt. 1797); **SAMUEL** (abt 1802); **DEBORAH** (abt 1804) md. **BARTON CROSS**; **MARGARET**. **DANIEL** gave each child \$1.00 and all the property to daughter **MARGARET**. I am trying to find the families of the sons of **Daniel** and **Deborah**. Does anyone know about this family? Contact: **Mr. & Mrs. James Brown**, 1181 E 1200 N, Shelley, ID 83274

19. **Loretta Snider**, 1938 Cranford Dr., Bldg 2 Apt. 4, Garland, TX 75041 seeks the following:

Info and burial place of **ANNIE WIA NT CRAWFORD** (age 43 - 1850 Lewis Co., Census & age 52 - 1860 Upshur Co. Census) wife of **OBEDIAH CRAWFORD**. If **Annie** was born in 1807 she could not have married **Obediah** in 1806 as LDS-IGI indicate. Need help with this family.

Editors Note: There is a tombstone with no dates for Obediah Crawford in the Crawford Cemetery - Banks District, Upshur Co., WV. Buried here also is Joseph Crawford b. 24 May 1829- d. 16 Oct 1909, (age 21 - 1850 Lewis Census) prob. Obediah and Annie's son. Perhaps Annie is buried near Obediah.

Any info on **GEORGE W/M CUNNINGHAM** who m. 5 Feb. 1859 Gilmer Co., WV to **REBECCA HUDMIRRAH FLENNER**, b. 1839 Randolph Co., d/o **GEORGE WASHINGTON "WASH" FLENNER** b. ca 1804 and **SARAH "SALLY" b. 1807. GEORGE** d. in Civil War and **REBECCA** remarried **HIRAM ALLEN**.

George and **Rebecca's** children: **ELIZABETH "LIZA" m. MACE HOLT. MARY FRANCIS m. ANDREW JACKSON MOORE, WILLIAM C. "WILL" m. MARTHA (SARAH?) JANE FRAME** and **MARTHA ELLEN m. 15 Aug. 1887 Gilmer Co., MOSES ADAM LUZADER, s/o EDGAR AND ELIZABETH (ROBINSON) LUZADER. ELLEN and ADAM** were my great grandparents. She was b. 1865 Gilmer Co. Need her birth record. Need parents for **GEORGE W/M CUNNINGHAM**, the date he died and was he Union or Confederate.

Info on **REBECCA POSEY** who m. **ANTHONY R/B BLAKE**. Two known daughters are: **MARY ADYE** m. **JOHN JACKSON SKINNER** and **MARGARET "MOLLY"**. For Rebecca I need dates/places of birth/death and burial and date and place of marriage to Anthony.

20. Info needed on **MAJOR POWERS**, b. 1753 Morgantown, VA; d. 1795 Taylor Co., VA; m. 17 Jan. 1776 **MARY PETTYJOHN**. **WILLIAM POWERS** b. 14 Oct. 1776; d. 12 Mar. 1852 Henry Co., IN; m. 12 Mar. 1802, Morgantown, Monongalia Co., (W)V to **REBECCA JONES**. **JACOB JONES** b. 1732; d. 1828; m. 28 Sep. 1763 Burlington Co., NJ to **DINAH STANTON**. Contact: Becky L. Olsen, 2424 S. Kremerea, Denver, CO 80222.

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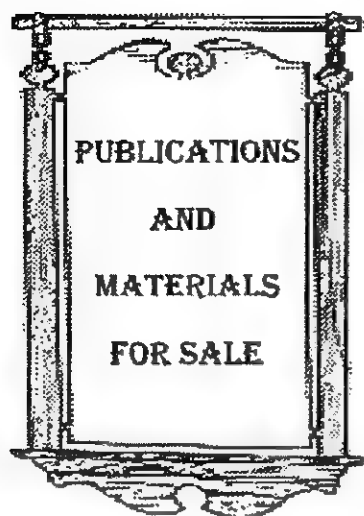
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